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The first of the new apartment buildings at the Charlotte Rachel Wilson residential complex (center) will open to students in January 2012. The other two buildings will open later in the spring. Construction on the new library is proceeding on schedule (photos 1–8). Photographs by Kim Schmidt.

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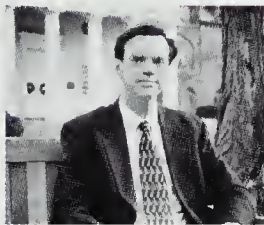
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Alexander Hall commemorates Dr. Archibald Alexander, the Seminary's first professor. In September 1812, he taught three students, holding classes in his study. Thus Princeton Seminary began. Permanent classrooms came with the construction of Alexander Hall in 1815, the Seminary's most historic building. This year the Seminary turns 200—a true cause for gratitude for and celebration of two centuries of service to the church of Jesus Christ.



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From the President's desk

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I write, we are at the very end of 2011 and so at the threshold of our bicentennial year. It will be a momentous year and there is so much to look forward to and so much for which we should give profound thanks to God.

Let me begin by referring to my distinguished predecessor, Tom Gillespie, who died after a short illness on November

5th. Many of you knew Tom much better than I. He truly expanded the Seminary's vision and reach. He loved the Seminary and under his leadership it blossomed

beyond its roots in Princeton and became an articulate and respected voice wherever one went in the Christian world. In all that time of expansion and growth, Tom never lost his own roots in his identity as the husband of his beloved Barbara, as a preacher and pastor-scholar, as a committed visionary who served his God and the Presbyterian Church. And so we thank God for his life and witness. You can read my tribute to Tom on the Seminary's web site.

The new Charlotte Rachel Wilson campus will open to students in early January 2012. For the last year, I have watched it grow. Now it will become a home to the next generation, and will help to preserve those benefits

of communal learning, friendship, and personal growth that we value so highly.

As I write, the new library has changed shape again. All summer we watched the steel frame being constructed and now it is closed in with blocks, a real building though anonymously grey, ready to be transformed by honey-colored stone in the spring. Interest and expectation mounts, led by a wonderful group of pastors on our campaign committee.

Please join us during our bicentennial year. There will be a huge range of events and opportunities for worship. Many people have poured imagination into planning the year. Much that is unexpected will take place: early in 2012 we will be joined for a concert by Paul Mealor, who composed the setting of *Ubi caritas* for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Jim Moorhead's excellent bicentennial history will come out in the late summer. Please look out for QR (Quick Response) codes, as they are wonderful ways of giving you updates and taking you to links on the web.

As some of you know, after a good deal of heart searching, I decided to retire at the end of December 2012. I had always said that I believed that something inside a decade would be right for my kind of vocation at PTS. I was invited to come by the Board specifically to bring about change, to add momentum to our accreditation process, and to galvanize the big projects that are now being completed. And we had the downturn to weather.

It may seem that we are going through many transitions this year. And we are, but we are blessed with a particularly strong and extraordinarily generous Board of Trustees. They

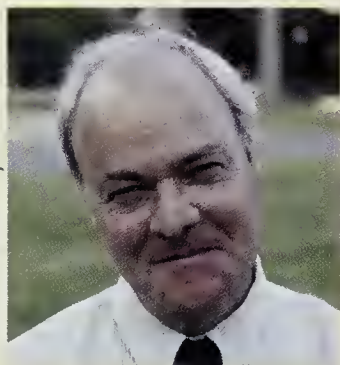
have made it clear that they have a range of further tasks they would like to see completed by the end of 2012. Dan Aleshire is the executive director of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and one of the wisest people I have met in the U.S. In May he told our Board that while the church is changing quickly, often seminaries change v e r y slowly. Wryly, he added that some seminaries have enormous heat shields that they can use to protect themselves against the friction of change. Our Board wants us to prepare pastors for the third millennium, not for the '80s or '90s. That will require a measure of realignment with the diverse, changing, missional church of today. In ATS schools all across America, today only 29 percent of students are from the "Mainline" and 71 percent are designated "evangelical." At the heart of our new thinking is a realization that we are not called to impart an abstract or timeless body of learning, no matter how excellent, but to engage in a process of formation, which begins at the Seminary and continues all through life.

PTS is called to play its part in that. And this will impact who we admit and how we teach them. It will impact the different gravitational pulls between the M.Div. and the Ph.D. It will embed the resources of our information technology and new library, and it will affect our allocation of resources and stewardship. I see these alignments as a sustained act of faithfulness to the churches we serve. These developments will lead the Seminary to be the same *but younger* as it enters its third century!

May God bless all of you.

Iain Torrance
Iain R. Torrance

Photo: Kristen Joy Watts



Dr. Torrance



Dr. Thomas W. Gillespie

Social Media and Ministry

We asked readers: Share an instance in which you have used social media in your ministry in a unique way, or a way that had a surprising outcome as a result of your interactions. Are you evolving with the technology, or resisting the change? What type of information would you like to receive from PTS via Facebook and Twitter? We received many answers, but could not include them all. All responses are in *inSpire* online.



At Good Shepherd Presbyterian in Charlotte, North Carolina, God has been stretching us in recent years to try to reach beyond the walls of our church. Several years ago we moved our Wednesday night study to several coffeehouses and bookstores in the area and created a "South Charlotte Book Club" listing on meetup.com. Within days we had about ten (unchurched) people sign-up to read and discuss *The Chronicles of Narnia* with our church regulars. We never would have met any of those folks if we hadn't reached out through social media. We have continued to use meetup.com as one form of social media, as well as a number of others. I have written a series on "online ministry tech" at bit.ly/ministrytech.

Robert Austell Jr. (M.Div., 1996)
Charlotte, North Carolina



Sometimes I'll post a question I'm pondering when doing my sermon prep. I'll include some of the responses in the sermon. It helps worshipers prepare and creates more participation in the service.

Tom Lank (M.Div., 2008)
Colorado Springs, Colorado



I do not use social media as much as many do, but I am on Facebook and use it in two primary ways: To post brief pithy statements from my reading that are encouraging and/or challenging. I don't comment on the quote, I just say, "this got my attention" or "from my reading" and I provide the link or author's name. I also use Facebook as part of my pastoring as I comment on postings by those in our church body. Usually, I comment so everyone can read it, but sometimes I go to the person's personal page, if that is more appropriate.

Bob Mink (Th.M., 1979)
Moreno Valley, California



As a pastor, I post my sermons on Facebook each week. Originally, I thought it might be a good way to connect with parishioners who miss that Sunday's worship. However, I found the group who most appreciated this form of dialogue was family and friends from my place of origin. Soon, I found others in the presbytery were following my lead!

Located in a small rural community, our church has actually found that local radio is a fantastic way to get the word out. Who would ever guess AM radio had the same kind of saturation as Twitter? But one is reminded that a church is an all-ages community and not just for tech-savvy youngsters.

David Wright (M.Div., 2009)
Hackettstown, New Jersey



Although I am teaching college students I am not into Twitter, Facebook, etc. Every Blessing.

Steve Weisz (M.Div., 1965)
Atlanta, Georgia



I would love to see an official PTS Facebook page and Twitter account, with news updates and ways to connect to others.

Nathan Hart (M.Div., 2004)
Greenwich, Connecticut

Editor's Note: Princeton Seminary does have official Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages. You can find the links to them (and others) by visiting our social media landing page. Go to www.ptsem.edu and click on the social media icons in upper right-hand corner.



Having used Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter with very limited results, I have found that blogging reaches more people more effectively. Based on the NCC Uniform Lesson Series for Sunday schools, I write a Bible Lesson Commentary at <http://biblelessonforum.com> and a short Bible lesson at <http://internationalbiblelessons.org/>. These have been published each week in *The Oklahoman* newspaper since 1989 and online at <http://newsok.com/life/religion>. By using Google Analytics, I know that the Bible Lesson Commentary reaches people (mostly teachers, I assume) in eighty-three countries. People from various locations have responded to me after reading the blogs, which has led to email exchanges and posting answers to their questions on the blogs. The early and surprising success of these blogs helped me decide to retire early from pastoral ministry (in August of this year) to pursue their development and expansion.

L.G. Parkhurst Jr. (M.Div., 1973)
Edmond, Oklahoma



Each member of our pastoral staff is encouraged to tweet on behalf of the church from their phones or computers. Yet, only two choose to do so, myself and the head of staff. Our church tweets are automatically featured in three places: Twitter, our church Facebook page, and our main web site. We have two types of posts: the first is general announcements, words of encouragement, or pictures from various events in the life of the church; the second, personal reflections or insights that we preface with the pastor's initials. Third, we have reoriented our ministry in a missional fashion, which we are calling FaithServes. I now post "FaithServes Features," which are special highlights of our church leading in a missional manner.

Case Thorp (M.Div., 2000)
Orlando, Florida

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I prefer group email communications to any of the “social media.” I would like to have access to the Class of 1961 Fifty-Year Anniversary booklet to catch up with my classmates. I would even be willing to use Facebook.

*Robert Solem (non-graduating M.Div., 1961)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada*

Editor’s Note: Sorry, not this year—but you can contact Jack McAnlis (john.mcanlis@ptsem.edu), director of planned giving, in the Seminary Relations Department—and next year it will be on the Seminary’s Facebook page.



Four ways in which Facebook has become a tool for ministry:

1. I’ve found that Facebook is the best way to reach my senior high youth. They don’t use email anymore, but they text and use Facebook.

2. Sometimes I’ll read about a concern or a crisis in the community or in the church on Facebook before I hear about it any place else. Facebook gives me a “heads up.”

3. Individuals in the congregation sometimes message me about a concern or vice versa via Facebook.

4. When new folks show up in church, one easy way to send a quick “thank you for visiting—hope you’ll come again” is to find them on Facebook.

*Sarah Foulger (M.Div., 1979)
West Boothbay Harbor, Maine*



When I started as a minister back in 1996, I never thought that I would be starring in a humorous church commercial—especially one that wasn’t produced for TV, but for YouTube. Who knew that putting a commercial on the Internet and promoting it with Internet companies such as Google ads and Bing would lead to thousands of local folks watching it—and all this on a budget of less than \$200.

Of course, Facebook “likes,” emails, and word-of-mouth sharing had a big part in its success too. The Sunday we first showed the commercial ad in church, the church was packed; many friends of the “cast” came to be part of this “debut.” Even months after the promotion, we still get comments from some first-time visitors, such as, “the ad was awesome,” or “it’s so funny,” or “it made me want to check out your church.” Who knew

that the Internet and social media could offer such opportunities for a local church? If you care to check out the commercial ad, it can be found on YouTube under the search phrase “funny church ad.”

*Frank Schaefer (M.Div., 1996)
Lebanon, Pennsylvania*



I never thought the day would come that I would not “be with it,” as it were. Anyhow, I detest the notion of “social media” and would never be a part of such public expression and demonstration of banter, etc. Alas, I have grown old, retired, and anti-chatter.

*Adrian A. McFarlane (M.Div., 1974)
Port Antonio, Jamaica, West Indies*



I regularly use Facebook to collect information for my sermons. I might post, “What does it mean to fish for people?” or “Why does it matter that Jesus came back from the dead?” The answers help to shape my sermons. Knowing what my listeners are thinking gives me helpful insights, and recounting some of the answers enlivens the sermons and helps the listeners know that their input matters. The comments are often hilarious, charming, poignant, or inspiring.

*Charles B. Hardwick (M.Div., 1999; Ph.D., 2007)
Bloomington, Illinois*



We began using texting during our Sunday services. We chose texting because our congregation is rather large and it is often difficult to dialogue with the gathered about the Sunday text or topic. By using texting to an assigned cell number during the service, congregants can respond to questions, share thoughts, or answer a question. The responses then become helpful to the organic formation of the message and allow the preacher/speaker to include respondents’ thoughts.

*Jerrett L. Hansen (D. Min., 1986)
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania*



I enrolled at PTS in 1966. After two years and an internship, I left seminary. I was involved in mission work in Africa for more than two decades, primarily in Zimbabwe. After the government blew up the largest opposition newspaper, *The Daily News*, I launched a

personal media campaign on TV, radio, and in newspapers and magazines, primarily with polemical poetry. My goal was to expose the corruption and machinations of the regime. It became advisable to return to the U.S. in 2002. Since then we have been at our family homestead in Anacortes, Washington. I still do a weekly program, *Different Points of View*, on Tuesdays. It can be found online at www.swradioafrica.com.

I have posted 1,000+ poems on Facebook and recently uploaded a few on YouTube. A few others can be found at <http://forums.familyfriendpoems.com/duaneudd>. I have been very moved on occasions when people have communicated with me and shared how much their lives have been affected by something I wrote.

*Duane Udd (non-graduating M.Div., 1970)
Anacortes, Washington*



In January I retired after nine years as part-time visitation pastor at Wallingford Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania (following my May 2001 retirement from my last full-time pastorate). I have never used social media in my work, but can appreciate its benefits. I appreciate PTS’s current excellent use of printed material—always detailed, accurate, succinct. Thanks for the good job you do in churning it out.

*Kenneth A.B. Wells (M.Div., 1960)
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania*



The vibrancy of my denomination (the PCUSA) and our member churches is important to me. Yet as a parent of four young children, I have very little free time and have not been able to keep abreast of what is being discussed and planned by Presbyterians meeting in cities like Minneapolis and, soon, Orlando. A friend recently invited me to join a conversation on Facebook with five others. I’m grateful. I’m unable to meet people for coffee or even talk on the phone, and Facebook might be the only way I could have a conversation about what is happening in the denomination.

*Justin Sundberg (M.Div., 1996)
Seattle, Washington*



In my role as media and innovation pastor at LiquidChurch.com, I work with our church’s online campus, which holds several fully interactive worship experiences across

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various international time zones each week. We actively engage our global community with social media—Facebook, Twitter, and multiuser video chats—to drive interaction.

We also syndicate sermon audio and video podcasts to thousands of listeners each month on iTunes and other distribution platforms. In addition, video sermons are recut into two-minute micro message versions for increased sharing across social networks.

Our latest project is a first-ever Christmas virtual choir. Individuals from around the globe posted singing parts on YouTube and we produced a fully dynamic rendition for our Christmas Eve services and church online experience.

Churches need to recognize that social media has become a part of the “DNA” of relationships today.

Kenny Jahng (M.Div., 2011)
Livingston, New Jersey



In my work as a college chaplain, I use Facebook constantly. It provides an excellent medium for inviting students, blessing students and alumni/ae on their big moments, and staying in touch. Since the core of my work is building actual face-to-face relationships, so far Facebook has only been a positive enhancement to my ministry. I am keeping an eye out to see if or when Facebook and other social media begin to replace relational “intimacy,” and at that point I will begin to resist.

Daniel McQuown (M.Div., 1996)
Albion, Michigan



“Technology and Social Media: Blessing or Curse?”

There are many days when I find myself in my office at church talking on the phone, sending an email, replying to a text message, and writing something down all at the same time. Technology has changed and continues to change our culture and the way that we do ministry. Churches that refuse to embrace technology and new forms of social media are often left behind. The question I often find myself asking is this: Is it more of a blessing or a curse?

Blessing: We can now communicate quickly via email and save time.

Curse: Many people get mad if we don’t respond to their email right away.

Blessing: We can communicate via email and eliminate unnecessary meetings.

Curse: We have less and less face time together.

Blessing: We all have cell phones and can make calls anytime, anywhere.

Curse: We can now be reached anytime, anywhere.

Blessing: Text messaging can eliminate unnecessary conversations.

Curse: Many of our children don’t know how to have a face-to-face conversation.

Blessing: We can connect with everybody in our past through Facebook.

Curse: Many affairs now originate from “old flames” reconnecting online.

Blessing: We can email lots of people at one time.

Curse: Many people always find it necessary to “reply to all” every time.

Blessing: We can put the audio and video of the sermon on the church web site.

Curse: Why come to church when I can watch the sermon in my pajamas at home?

Blessing: Loads of information is available at the click of a mouse.

Curse: We can spend all day “surfing the web.”

Blessing: We can find out what somebody is doing at any given moment through Twitter.

Curse: Some people assume you really want to know what they are cooking for dinner every night.

Blessing: We are more connected.

Curse: We are less connected.

There are many days when I find myself thinking back to the years when ministers served during a period of limited technology. They served before the existence of social media and pastored in an age of no email, no cell phones, no Facebook—an age of standing committee meetings, handwritten letters, and landlines. It is hard for us to imagine our lives without the technology that we enjoy. However, I do believe there is a clear correlation between the technology and the anxiety in our culture. We are over stimulated. We are too available. We don’t know how to be still and quiet.

Don’t get me wrong. I am not advocating that we give up all the gadgets that we enjoy. That’s simply not going to happen. I am raising the questions: Do our gadgets serve us or do we serve our gadgets? Are we running our technology or is our technology running us? Part of being a Christian is learning to retreat and be still. We must be careful to not let technology run our lives. We should use it for its benefits but then know when to shut it off.

Clay Stauffer (M.Div., 2005)

Nashville, Tennessee



PTS social media can provide information on seminars and public programs as well as updates on changes in leadership. It can also be used to address student needs and recognize achievements. However, I think emails work better.

Jay Harold Ellens (Th.M., 1965)
Farmington Hills, Michigan



YouTube is an unparalleled collection of clips to supplement public presentations of every kind. The principal use I see for Facebook is a way of broadcasting my “news” or announcements. It is a great funnel for humor and for intelligent links of which I would not otherwise be aware. On several occasions, though, I’ve had the opportunity to jump into threads of really controversial discussions and throw in my two drachmas. It has actually felt, sometimes, like Kingdom business was being done; and I was as grateful to participate as in earlier, more traditional venues.

Gene R. Smillie (M.Div., 1982)
Elmhurst, Illinois



Two examples come to mind: a small one with my new iPhone (not my choice, our adult kids and my wife got it for me—I’m 59). I usually carry a New Testament/Psalms. Now using my phone I can look up any scripture verse in any translation when asked at a bedside or a home!

Today I heard from a member whose mother had died. Her brother Skyped from Germany each day for three hours during his mother’s last days and was on Skype with the family and nurses when she died! It was good for him, and the family was accepting of his choice.

On a different note, I have yet to find someone willing to regularly update our web site—after “everyone” wanted to get one. So it’s not updated on a weekly basis, but only with our monthly newsletters. On the other hand, a member of the church is posting each service on YouTube. However, he has just raised the concern of his family lawyer that we may need to get releases from the congregants for permission to post videos (of individuals). We’re pursuing the best way to handle this, but at this point the lawyer thinks a regular “This is what we do with morning worship, if you have an issue with this, let us know....” In the newsletter or from the pulpit will suffice.

Jon Carlisle (M.Div., 1977)
Coshocton, Ohio

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My appreciation for the power of social media was inspired by comedian Jon Stewart, who had a guest on his show named Gigi Ibrahim, a leader in the Tahrir Square Egyptian Spring. He asked her what inspired her to lead the effort and she replied that she was taking a course at the American University in Cairo (AUC) on revolution.

The next day's mail brought my copy of the *New Internationalist* (NI), which featured Jon Stewart interviewing Ibrahim. The article contained this paragraph: "Twenty-four-year-old Gigi Ibrahim was active in the unprecedented number of protests in 2010 which prefigured this year's uprising. As an inveterate tweeter she helped report army abuses and arrests for human right groups."

Presbyterians and Congregationalists founded the AUC under the old American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission. I wrote a letter back to the *New Internationalist* that said in part: "Adjacent to Tahrir square, the AUC's first campus was being organized in the early 1900s, modeled after the American University of Beirut (opened in the mid-1800s). In both cases, many Middle Eastern Sunni and Shia Muslims, Jews, and Christians (Copts, Armenians, Eastern Orthodox, etc.) shared classes and democratic ideas. Many students from the West learned to listen seriously in a new way. Such education fostered the first "Arab Spring," which, among other factors, encouraged most minorities of the Ottoman Empire to side with the Western Allies in the "dark winter" of World War One, to defeat Germany and the Ottomans.

I have not used the term "Arab Awakening" because I do not think it was the Arabs who have been sleeping. Gigi Ibrahim, and the thousands like her, may cause a tsunami of critical thinking across the USA that reminds us that democracy has always been shared more effectively by education and mutual respect than by invading other countries, arming their governments, etc.

A special high five to NI, etc. Since this revolution is digital, less time may be needed.
Henry Bucher (Th.M., 1962)
Sherman, Texas



Certainly, we have heard of the social media revolution. But so far, I have limited myself to email. I guess this must be due to time limitations and having to sit behind the computer. However, I think the change is good.
Samuel Kofi Osabutey (M.A., 1991)
Accra, Ghana, West Africa



Trudging on with my very special ministry, which has been the ministry of a mentally disabled patient with schizophrenia and allied disorders, I am keeping abreast with technology these days. My income, the supplementary security income has been \$150 per month. The subscription for Internet would cost \$20 per month and it is unaffordable for me. Now, I am turning to the use of carrier pigeons! If someone could donate a laptop to me, it would indeed turn my ministerial activity high-tech overnight.
Tamas Barnabas (Th.M., 1985)
Budapest, Hungary



I am currently the staff chaplain coordinator for surgery/trauma at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, a level-one acute care University of Texas Southwestern Medical School teaching hospital. It is home to the regional burn center. On a regular basis I use podcasts and music over my iPhone and iPad for inpatient support and care. I always carry my phone and I am continually on the hunt for spiritual and religious thought-provoking materials to broadcast through this media. It's easy to access and carry. On several occasions an intubated ICU patient has responded to music with good outcomes. I carry calls to prayer from several religions, meditative music, and details regarding religious practices related to healthcare for staff references (MedScape, PubMed, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Plainviews, etc.). I rely on the Internet (via my phone) to connect me to the most up-to-date information in evidence-based research related to spirituality, trauma, religion, and acute care challenges in order to be present to "my unique congregation." The iUniversity function allows for direct connections and podcasts to hundreds of academic institutions. I am still waiting for Princeton Seminary to hook up with this fantastic vehicle of education.
Judith A. Crilley (M.Div., 1986B)
Dallas, Texas

Editor's Note: The Seminary has recently been approved for an iTunes U account and we will share the news with alumni/ae when it is ready to access.



When email arrived on the scene I was overjoyed. I liked the ease of it and its speed. But, it had its dangers for sure. One could say things in an email that he or she would not say on the phone, and sometimes the heat of the moment overtook good sense. I'm resisting Facebook and Twitter. They offer less reason for restraint. Communication is too precious a gift to make it trivial. If it's important, send me an email.
Harry A. Freebairn (M.Div., 1962; D.Min., 1984)
Easton, Pennsylvania



One thing we did last year was use Facebook for daily readings for our members. We were doing a study of the Gospel of Luke and had readings for each day of the series (from January to May). We set up an automatic message to be posted each day to our Facebook page with the full text of the reading. Many of our members said it made reading the Word much easier for them and they really grew through the experience.
Edward Goode (M.Div., 1999)
Wyoming, Ohio



I just don't get social media. Cell phones and email, they are kind of helpful, but also get in the way of real communication. They are a minor convenience and often a major waste of time. A web site seems to be enough. Why all the rest? I don't think the emperor has any clothes on. I'm going back to my cave.
Bruce Kochsmeier (M.Div., 1985)
Carson City, Nevada



Thus far I've chosen not to use social media for several reasons—privacy concerns, technological intimidation, time constraints, and my introverted nature. As a retiree, I'm grateful for my part-time tasks, but I already spend more time on my laptop than I prefer. So, the thought of even more time and effort expended on social media is not appealing. No doubt a minority perspective though affirmed with conviction!
Stuart Plummer (M.Div., 1956)
Fraser, Colorado

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As a recipient of a Louisville Institute Pastoral Study Grant, I have been researching the spiritual lives of the 425 young adults I have confirmed at Maple Grove United Church. I used Facebook to find them and connect with them. Some online discussion has taken place, but they have used direct messaging more often to share their deepest thoughts. We use Facebook to connect with young adults once they leave the church. Women in our church connect frequently with youth to give encouragement and advice. We have more young adults and families coming back to church more regularly since we have had a Facebook ministry. Zoomerang was a helpful technological tool for a detailed questionnaire. *Morar M. Murray-Hayes (D.Min., 2006)*
Oakville, Ontario, Canada



Alpharetta Presbyterian Church (APC) is located outside of Atlanta, in Alpharetta, Georgia, a tech-savvy area with AT&T, Verizon Wireless, and McKesson Technologies as top employers. While the area is known as a technology hub, the church itself has taken a slower approach to online solutions, including social media. However, a recent project showcased an innovative use of these tools.

APC's special needs program, Open Arms, began in 1998 to welcome people with varying abilities to the church with open arms. This Advent season, Open Arms joined with APC's music ministries to present "An Open Arms Christmas" recording. Advertised on the church's Facebook page and personal Twitter accounts, the CD is available in both physical and online forms. The online download option has allowed the project to be heard and purchased around the world! An early email of appreciation came from Hong Kong. You can check it out too: www.alpharettapres.com/openarmscd. *Jamie Butcher (M.Div., 2009)*
Decatur, Georgia



After my M.Div., I began a Ph.D. in anthropology. In 2010, I relocated to China to do field research, and often lament that I'm unable to work (because of political and logistical constraints there) in an official capacity with the church. However, I blog frequently about reflections on faith and ministry. Recently, an M.Div. classmate in California sent me a Facebook message about a trying conversation

he'd had with a church member facing infertility, in which he struggled to find the words to comfort her. After their meeting, he logged onto my blog, and read a reflection I'd written about "tossing our expectations into the ocean," and receiving God's grace. He passed these words onto his congregant, with whom they really resonated. Reading about God's work across miles, oceans, and time zones, I felt humbled that words of healing could be transferred in such an unforeseen, yet meaningful, way.

Erin Raffety (M.Div., 2008)
Nanning, Guangxi, China



Healthy ministry in the twenty-first century engages social media to interact and communicate. In September 2011 I began a new ministry, Jazz Church, in Charlotte, North Carolina. We have a web site (www.jazzchurch.org), Facebook page (Jazz Church-Charlotte), and twitter account (@jazzchurch). We will launch in February 2012 on the campus of UNC-Charlotte, and a large percentage of our gatherings will be college students. Social media is part of their daily lives and will be a primary way we communicate with them. Without it, planting this new church would be much more difficult.

Rick Hoffarth (M.Div., 1984)
Charlotte, North Carolina



I've had a lot of success using social media as a way of keeping our college students connected to each other and to the church while away at school. I post Bible studies and fun challenges with incentives like a Starbucks gift card for pictures posted of the best and worst dorm room. I've also run a lot of successful Facebook advertising campaigns. In addition to my work in the local church, I now consult with and train churches and nonprofits to use social media in their work and ministry. *Mike Baughman (M.Div./M.A., 2004)*
Dallas, Texas



I have ADD and know I have to work harder to pick up the social cues that are essential to all relationships—including ministry relationships. Perhaps as a consequence, I feel phone conversations are disturbingly impersonal. I dislike the telephone, but have learned to tolerate it as a tool of ministry. I find the social media world emotionally disorienting and unworkable. However, I suspect this is a



Follow PTS on Social Media

The Seminary continues to expand its social media efforts to make it easier for alumni/ae, staff/faculty, and community members to connect, engage, and interact. Currently, multiple departments have a presence on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook. "Like" or "follow" them for the latest information on events, campus happenings, and job openings! Simply visit www.ptsem.edu and click on any of the icons in the upper right-hand corner, which will take you to the social media landing page. You may have also noticed QR codes on mailings, brochures, and in our Calendar of Programs. To access information quickly, simply scan the QR code with your smartphone. In the coming months, our social media outreach will expand to include iTunes U, Flickr, and blogs.

temperamental failing on my part. I try even harder to communicate with friends, colleagues, and church members in face-to-face settings to make up for my inability to feel the connections through social media.

Steve R. Wigall (M.Div., 1977, Th.M., 1978)
Lawrence, Massachusetts



The primary social medium channel I use for help with my ministry is Facebook. For the last few months I have been adapting my Sunday homilies into an accessible blog. The written word is much different than the spoken word. There have been some positive responses. Fewer people are coming to church to reflect on the scriptures, so social media is more than able to close the lacunae. *C. Gilbert Romero (Ph.D., 1982)*
Seal Beach, California

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From the Horse's Mouth

The *inSpire* interactive question prompted John Bruington, Class of 1977 and a pastor in Havre, Montana, to contribute the following essay.

Out here in rural Montana, as in much of the nation, the mainline church is dying. Times are especially hard in the Northwest, which has traditionally had the lowest per capita church membership in the nation. At one time small congregations depended on aid-to-field support from the national, synod, and presbytery arms of the connectional church, but those days are long gone. Today the small church must survive, if possible, on its own.

Here in Havre, which has not had an ordained Presbyterian pastor for more than twenty years or a full-time pastor for ten to fifteen, new strategies have been required. The new breed of rural pastor in the West has to recognize that he or she must look for support outside the church in order for his or her ministry to survive. Some pastors are fortunate enough to have a spouse whose salary is enough to help support the ministry; others must work in the secular world to make ends meet. Like it or not, the old model of the small church pastorate is changing, and the church and pastor have to adapt.

Church growth, in the traditional sense, is a long-term and very slow process as the local population ages and declines. The expectation that the church will reverse its decline and eventually be able to support a full-time pastor is not very likely in the short run. So a long-term strategy is needed. This is where making use of the social media becomes critical.

Recognizing that some seventy-to-eighty percent of the local population will never enter the sanctuary except for funerals and weddings, we have to take the message outside the church walls. Most small towns have a local newspaper and many of them are open to some kind of "church column" that allows the local pastor a much wider "audience" than Sunday mornings. However, that resource has to be used wisely to have any real impact. Let me share my story.

Most of the community in which I minister are "unchurched" or "under-churched." They don't have a great deal of interest in sermons or sermonizing. Most traditional church newspaper columns are warmed-over sermons addressed to fellow believers, and they are not read by anyone not already involved with the church. Such readers don't care what Paul said, or who Moses was. Jesus is respected but largely unknown, as if he were simply an ancient philosopher or spiritual guru from a by-gone time. Quoting the Bible is no more authoritative than quoting *The Iliad* or some other book from the distant past.

Recognizing that—along with recognizing that my PTS Master of Divinity and McCormick Doctor of Ministry carry no weight with most folks—I began quoting my horse, Goliath. "Old Doc Goliath," as I refer to him, is quite a theologian if one is wise enough to consider the lessons. For example, getting tossed off into the cactus a few years ago turned out to be an excellent lesson on humility. The importance of keeping a loose cinch, but not a loosed cinch, is a wonderful parable to talk about keeping an open mind, but, as my Jewish friends say, "not so open that your brains fall out."

After some five years of my writing a weekly column, "Out Our Way," a great many people who do not know me have come to know Goliath. More importantly, some fundamental Christian teachings have gotten through to people who would never listen to a preacher, but will listen to the preacher's horse. His outreach is no longer limited to our little



John Bruington and his horse, Goliath, offer perspectives on church growth and reaching the "unchurched" through a column in the local newspaper. Bruington and Goliath live in Havre, Montana.

town; the column has been read and considered by folks as far away as Atlanta and San Diego. People who never read the church page before are now regular readers of Goliath.

No, we have not had a huge growth in membership or turned our financial situation completely around, but there are signs the gospel is getting through. When Goliath's living through a rough winter and needing extra oats reminds folks of the food bank, soup kitchen, and homeless shelter, new donations start to arrive. When Goliath's terror of a crossing a culvert or wading a stream is connected to folks' fear of facing new challenges in their lives and learning to trust God as Goliath trusts me, lessons are learned. When Goliath dons his silly "reindeer horns" at Christmas and stands by the Salvation Army Red Kettle, collections go up.

No offense to the great PTS professors from whom I learned so much in my days at dear old Princeton, but "Dr. Goliath" teaches practical theology in ways that reach folks they never can. His soon to be published book, *Out Our Way, Theology Under Saddle*, hopefully will reach a public who long for God but will never find him in Tillich, Niebuhr, or Barth.

Most newspapers these days depend on syndicated columnists who may or may not speak to the day-to-day world of the community. But the educated pastor with a little imagination may manage to get the Word of God out to the neighborhood in ways that make a real difference. Especially, as out our way, when it comes straight from the horse's mouth.

John Bruington graduated from Princeton Seminary with his Master of Divinity degree in 1977 and pastors in Havre, Montana.

Ethiopian Connections

Many in the PTS community may not know that the patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, His Holiness Abuna Paulos, is a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate. He earned his Th.M. in 1970 and his Ph.D. in 1988, studying with Professor Karlfried Froehlich as his "doctor-father."

In June, two fellow PTS Ph.D. graduates, and now members of the Seminary faculty, traveled to Addis Ababa, where they had an audience with the patriarch and their former classmate.

Paul Rorem, professor of medieval church history, went to Ethiopia to learn more about Ethiopian church history in preparation for a class he is teaching at the Seminary. He visited many medieval churches and monasteries, and saw the obelisks (stele) in Aksum where Ethiopians believe the Ark of the Covenant still blesses Ethiopia as the New Jerusalem.

Loren Stuckenbruck, professor of New Testament, was in Addis Ababa for a conference on the Ethiopic Book of Enoch, where he presented two lectures on that ancient book. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is the only church that recognizes the book as canonical in its eighty-one-book canon. While in Ethiopia, Stuckenbruck also located three unstudied manuscripts of Enoch, which will inform a text-critical edition of the Ge-ez (classic Ethiopic) version of the book.

The colleagues also visited the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology in Addis Ababa. Only thirteen years old, it is a rapidly growing ecumenical institution that, Stuckenbruck says, "has shown remarkable strategic planning and has remained fiscally solvent, while engaging energetically and with academic integrity its mission of providing training in Christian leadership for students throughout the African continent."

The highlight of the trip for both men, however, was their visit with the patriarch. They tried several times, unsuccessfully, to schedule an audience. Finally, on the last day, as Stuckenbruck says, "we had hung around the presidential palace into the evening, hoping to see him upon his return from a church, when the phone call came with the green light, and we were ushered into a receiving room."

"He seemed genuinely glad to see us and to hear from colleagues at Princeton, to receive our gifts and greetings. In return, he sent back two important books on the Ethiopian church for our Seminary library, and gifts for individuals. Before we left, he made

sure we saw a large photograph framed in the foyer. There he was, holding a commencement program from his Seminary graduation ceremony in the Princeton University Chapel. PTS was there in the presidential palace, and the three of us, each a PTS Ph.D. graduate, had a little reunion of our own."



Professor Paul Rorem (left) and Professor Loren Stuckenbruck (far right) visit with their fellow PTS Ph.D. graduate, Abuna Paulos.

Faculty/Staff Appointments and Promotions

In May 2011, PTS Professor **Gordon Mikoski** was promoted to the rank of associate professor of Christian education, with tenure.

Shawn Oliver was appointed associate dean for curricula in the Academic Affairs Office. In her current role, she is also a member of the Ph.D. administrative personnel within the Office of Academic Affairs, assisting students through their program of study.

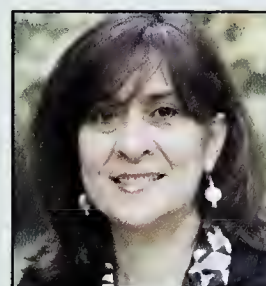


Gordon Mikoski



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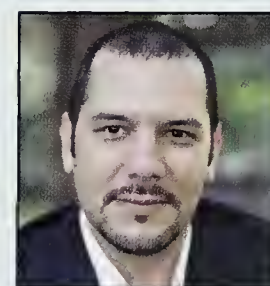
Jennie Rodriguez joined the administrative staff as the assistant director of field education. A recent graduate of both PTS (Class of 2010) and the Rutgers School of Social Work, she also serves on the pastoral staff at Nuevas Fronteras and the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.



Jennie Rodriguez

In the School of Christian Vocation and Mission (SCVM), several new staff members were recently appointed. **Seraphim Danckaert**, who came to PTS in January 2009 as social networking coordinator for SCVM, was promoted to a dual role as assistant director of programs at SCVM and assistant director of strategy in the Office of the President. **Amaury Tanon-Santos**, who earned his

M.Div. at PTS in 2005, was appointed director of the Hispanic Leadership Program, and **Sushama Austin-Conner** joined the staff as communications coordinator at SCVM.



Amaury Tanon-Santos

Trustee News

Warren D. Chinn, after many years of faithful service on the Board of Trustees, was elected a trustee emeritus, effective on May 24, 2011. **Mary Lee Fitzgerald** also became trustee emerita, after her years of service, including as Chair of the Board.

Alf Halvorson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was elected as an alumni/ae trustee for a period of three years, from 2011 to 2014.

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An Advocate for Students and Seminary

Lori Neff Transitions to New Administrative Position at PTS

BY ALLIE NASKRET

After serving for four years as associate director of field education, the Reverend Lori Neff has taken on a new administrative role at Princeton Seminary. In July, she became director of accreditation and advising, a new position that involves overseeing the school's accreditation processes and expanding the academic advising program.

According to Neff, President Torrance felt that it was important to have a person specifically designated to manage the school's accreditation processes, which include a periodic review every five years and a self-study every ten years. One issue that accreditors were concerned with in the past was that PTS had no formalized academic advising program. In response, the Seminary hopes to make more resources available to students as they navigate their academic schedules in light of various calls to ministry.

The seeds for an academic advising program were planted last year, when students were assigned faculty advising groups. As director of accreditation and advising, Neff envisions the advising



Photo: Joel Bock

program growing to include student seminars and other programs for discernment. She also hopes to create more opportunities for one-on-one consultation and to be a resource for students who find that their questions aren't currently being answered within existing Seminary structures.

Neff's extensive background in higher education (including previous experience in academic advising, institutional effectiveness, and accreditation) made her a natural choice for the position. She holds a B.S. in psychology from Manchester College and an M.A. in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University. She has served as the assistant dean of students at Franklin College in Indiana, director of residence life and chief judicial officer at Barton College, and coordinator of residence education at Frostburg State University.

During her time working in student

affairs, she sensed a call to ministry. "I ended up doing a lot of pastoral care in the field of college discipline," says Neff, who found that the students with whom she worked were often acting out because they were trying to establish their identity. Neff left Indiana for Princeton Seminary, where she completed her M.Div. in 2007, and began working in the Field Education Office a few weeks after graduation.

Most of all, she has a great love for working with students and believes that it is "a unique privilege to walk alongside people as they are navigating significant life decisions." She is grateful for her time in the Field Education Office and for the opportunity to have walked alongside students as they "wrestled with God and their call." Although the nature of the relationship will be different, she anticipates that she will still have the opportunity to work closely with students in her new position.

Lori Neff is also excited to find creative ways to provide what students need beyond what they get in the classroom and in field education. In her new role, she hopes to work toward making PTS "the best possible educational institution in service to the church" that it can be.

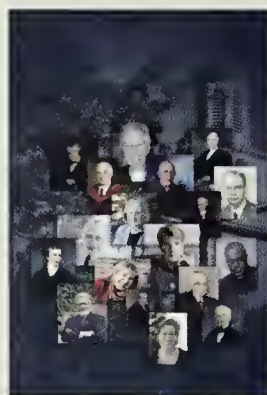
Allie Naskret is a middler in the M.Div. program and works in the Office of Communications/Publications.

PTS to Host Practical Theology Conference in April

The Association of Practical Theology (APT) will hold its biennial conference at Princeton Seminary on April 13–15, 2012. The conference theme is "Practical Theology and Sacred Texts," and it will feature a shared keynote address, "Paul as a Practical Theologian," on April 13 by PTS professors Beverly Roberts Gaventa and Richard Osmer.

APT president and PTS associate professor Gordon Mikoski says the theme

"highlights Princeton's unique contribution to the field of practical theology—focusing on practice in a theological way." Mikoski and Osmer are the authors of a recent book on Princeton Seminary's contributions to the field of practical theology, *With Piety and Learning: The History of Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary*.



In addition to the keynote address, papers will be given in three categories: how practical theologians use sacred texts, what determines what is a sacred text, and sacred texts as themselves examples of practical theology.

Although the conference is the professional meeting for scholars in the field of practical theology, Mikoski says that pastors, "who do practical theology every day," are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information or to register, go to www.practicaltheology.org.

Faculty, Alumni/ae, and Churches Partner to Study the Parables

Yes, seminaries supply pastors. But the relationship between church and seminary can be even deeper and richer for local congregations. Consider the partnership between four New Jersey congregations and Princeton Seminary.

Clifton Black, the Otto A. Piper Professor of Biblical Theology at PTS, led a four-part series titled "Pondering Jesus' Parables" this past summer at four Delaware River Valley churches in New Jersey. The first three nights of the series, a partnership of the Presbyterian congregations in Titusville, Mt. Airy, Lambertville, and Stockton, were structured to allow participants to study each synoptic gospel's particular theological lens by looking at their use of Jesus' parabolic sayings. On the last night of the series, Black guided participants through sayings and parables in John's gospel, as well as the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, that highlight Jesus' own life and work as a parable for the Kingdom of God.

"Since we studied parables, I would say Dr. Black was like a skilled server who had also prepared the dishes for a mix of customers," said the Reverend Merle Wilson ('07B), pastor of the Mt. Airy Presbyterian church, and a former student of Black's. "He warmly invited those who were new to extracanonical writings and ideas to take a sip, and he challenged those already familiar with them to cut across the grain and perhaps find different flavors. His gifts of teaching and understanding were equal parts first-



Clifton Black

century cultural context and contemporary American Southern idiom, seasoned with helpful Greek asterisks. We are grateful to God for providing the opportunity to learn from and fellowship with him."

This was the second summer education series cohosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church, Lambertville Presbyterian Church, and Stockton Presbyterian Church. The idea germinated in 2009 with a series on Old Testament prophets and prophecies by then-assistant professor Jeremy Hutton. The concept is designed to provide Christian education opportunities to the congregations and their communities. It has drawn participants from across Mercer and Hunterdon Counties in New Jersey and Bucks County in Pennsylvania to the four churches, which host each night of the series on a rotating basis.

"Projects like this represent, I think, the best of connectional ministry," said the Reverend Will Shurley ('07B), pastor of the Titusville congregation and another former student of Black's. "By combining our resources, we are able to provide our members and communities with opportunities for shared learning and fellowship that we simply cannot provide on our own. And we are grateful to the Seminary and to Dr. Black for this gift."



Navigating the Waters at Princeton Seminary

Diversity is a hot topic on campuses today, as schools learn to value, understand, and celebrate cultural differences represented by their students, faculty, and staff. A key question is how these conversations about diversity become more than skin deep.

To address these concerns, Princeton Seminary and The Kaleidoscope Institute have launched a new cultural proficiency and diversity competency initiative called Navigating the Waters: Pathways to Embracing Diversity, implemented under the auspices of the Office of Multicultural Relations.

To help guide the effort and get a feel for the climate at PTS, a survey about diversity matters on campus was distributed to more than 650 people in the fall. The more than 400 responses received

from students, faculty, staff, and alumni/ae are being analyzed to develop an implementation plan that will address the concerns raised most frequently.

Through its curriculum and programs, the Seminary provides a forum for supportive interaction among faculty, staff, and students that



celebrates differences in race, ability, gender, culture, age, sexual orientation, and religion/denomination. Helping individuals interact effectively with diverse groups of people is central to this program and to the Seminary's mission of discovery and vocational exploration.

Schools and an increasing number of churches in the U.S. are characterized by very diverse constituencies. This diversity provides organizations like Princeton Seminary the opportunity to prepare women and men for service to Christ in new, creative, and imaginative ministries. For more information about this initiative, email navigatingthewaters@ptsem.edu.

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DeForest "Buster" Soaries and Hughes Oliphant Old Honored as Distinguished Alumni

In October, Princeton Seminary named two of its graduates as 2011 Distinguished Alumni. DeForest "Buster" Soaries Jr., Class of 1989, and Hughes Oliphant Old, Class of 1958, were honored during the annual reunion banquet on October 24.

Soaries is the senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, and a pioneer in the work of faith-based community development, including the establishment of a housing assistance recovery program that purchases homes of families facing foreclosure and leases them back to homeowners. Soaries was also recognized for his work in developing the dfree™ strategy, which teaches and encourages debt-free living. Dfree™ was featured on CNN's *Black in America* documentary series. Soaries also wrote a book about the strategy, which teaches people to live within their means without debt, deficits, and delinquencies.



Buster Soaries

Soaries was New Jersey's secretary of state from 1999 to 2001, the first African American to serve as a constitutional officer of the state.

President Torrance told Soaries that Princeton was grateful for his "faith in and obedience to Christ's command to love one's neighbor as the foundation of his ministry."

Old was recognized for his lifetime commitment as a pastor, teacher, and scholar committed to the centrality of preaching, prayer, and sacrament in Reformed worship, and how worship shapes and grounds the Christian life and the vitality of the church. His career culminated in the publication of a seven-volume work, *The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church*. Torrance said that Old "single-handedly gathered comprehensive information about the Reformed tradition with tremendous enthusiasm."

Old was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Liturgics at the Calvin 500 Commemoration in Geneva, Switzerland, in July 2009. He is currently dean of the Institute of Reformed Worship at Erskine Theological Seminary.



Hughes Old

Faculty Publications

Richard S. Armstrong has written *A Sense of Being Called* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011), which describes his journey from professional baseball to the pulpit.

Shane Berg has coedited with Matthew L. Skinner a book of Donald H. Juel's writings titled *Shaping the Scriptural Imagination: Truth, Meaning, and the Theological Interpretation of the Bible* (Baylor University Press, July 2011).

James Charlesworth edited *Temple Scroll and Related Documents* (Westminster John Knox Press, June 2011), which is volume 7 of *Dead Sea Scrolls: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Texts with English Translations*. Charlesworth is chief editor of this multi-volume project.

Kenda Creasy Dean has written *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church* (Oxford University Press, July 2010). She has also coauthored with Andrew Root *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* (InterVarsity Press, August 2011).

Abigail Rian Evans has written *Is God Still at the Bedside? The Medical, Ethical, and Pastoral Issues of Death and Dying* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2011).

Abigail Rian Evans, Gordon Graham, and Kenneth Henke, along with PTS alumnus Clemens Bartollas, have coauthored a book on the life and teachings of Emile Cailliet titled *The Long Shadow of Emile Cailliet: Faith, Philosophy, and Theological Education* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, September 2011).

Wentzel van Huyssteen coedited with Eric Weibe a volume titled *In Search of Self: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Personhood*.

Jacqueline Lapsley is one of the associate editors of the *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics* (Baker Publishing Group, November 2011).

Gordon Mikoski, Rick Osmer, and Iain Torrance have coedited *The Relational Theology of James E. Loder* (Lang Publishing, Inc., 2011).

Peter Paris and Luke Powery have contributed to *Preaching God's*

Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B, Featuring 22 New Holy Days for Justice (Westminster John Knox Press). Paris wrote the commentary for Ash Wednesday and Powery the commentary for the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Yolanda Pierce has written an article titled "Why persecute the poor for being poor?" that was featured in *Guardian News* in August 2011.

Mark Lewis Taylor has written *The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World* (Fortress Press, January 2011).

Iain Torrance has coedited *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). PTS faculty members and faculty emeriti who contributed to the volume include **Kenneth Appold, Clifton Black, John Bowlin, Richard Fenn, Gordon Graham, Scott Hendrix, James Kay, Jacqueline Lapsley, Bo Karen Lee, Sang Hyun Lee, Bruce McCormack, Daniel Migliore, and George Parsenios.**

Professor Sang Lee Retires

After thirty years of teaching at Princeton Seminary, Dr. Sang Hyun Lee has retired as the Kyung-Chik Han Professor of Systematic Theology in June. He was named professor emeritus. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Lee came to Princeton Seminary after earning an S.T.B. from Harvard Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. As a naturalized Korean American, Lee was the first Asian American faculty member at PTS and a leading pioneer in Asian American theology. He served as director of the Seminary's Program for Asian American

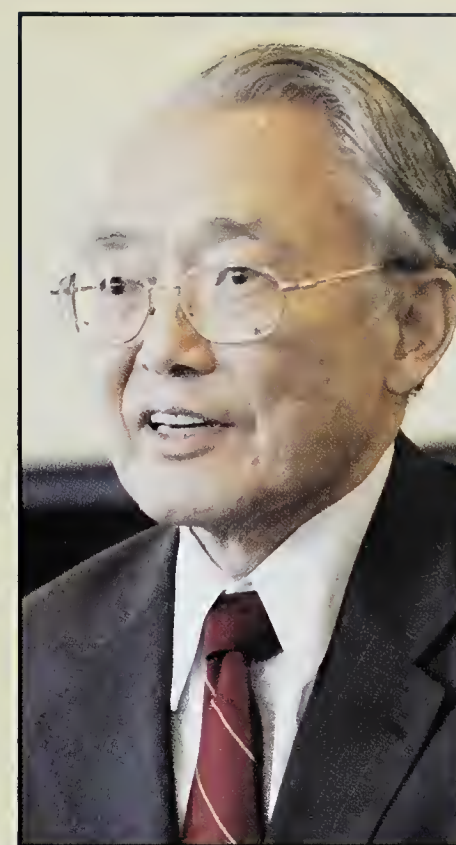


Dr. Lee and his wife, Dr. Inn Sook Lee

Theology and Ministry and also chaired the Asian American Theology Group of the American Academy of Religion.

During his time at Princeton, Lee taught courses on systematic theology, Asian American theology, Jonathan Edwards, and God and the problem of evil. His major publications include *The Princeton Companion to Jonathan Edwards* (Princeton University Press, 2005), *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, volume 23, Writings on the Trinity, Grace, and Faith* (Yale University Press, 2003), and *The Philosophical Theology of Jonathan Edwards* (Princeton University Press, 1988). Lee has been widely recognized by scholars as making an important contribution to an understanding of the theology of Jonathan Edwards.

The Sang Hyun Lee Lecture on Asian American Theology and Ministry, a biennial lectureship, was created in order to preserve space for the Asian American voices of the present, to empower the Asian American ministers and theological scholars of the future, and to



Sang Hyun Lee

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remember and pass on the legacy of Dr. Sang Hyun Lee. Dr. Lee will be greatly missed at the Seminary, and we are grateful for his many years of faithful service and teaching.

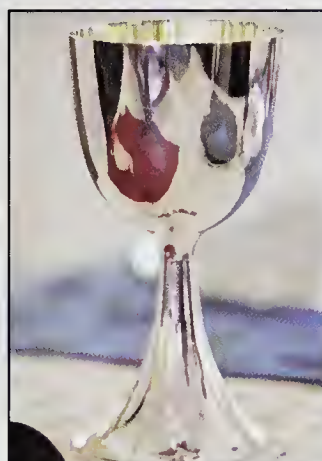


The Reverend Deborah Brincivalli, Class of 1985, is requesting black, lightweight pulpit, academic, or choir robes in good condition for professors and students at Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cuba. To donate robes, or for more information, please contact:

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"Take This Cup"

The chalice used in the Opening Communion Service on September 19 was donated to the Seminary in 1964 by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Klem, members of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey. Dr. Klem was a master craftsman and a silversmith, and the chalice is one of only three made in this pattern. He died a few days before



Photos: Kim Schmidt

the presentation of the chalice to the Seminary, so it was presented by Mr. Charles Varga, Klem's nephew. Varga attended the service on September 19 and is pictured here with President Torrance. Former President McCord wrote in a letter to Mrs. Klem that the chalice would be used to celebrate the Lord's Supper in Miller Chapel "as long as the Seminary stands."



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Faculty Accolades

James F. Armstrong received an honorary L.H.D. degree from his alma mater, Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

C. Clifton Black delivered the twenty-fourth annual Carolyn M. Parker Memorial Preaching/Teaching Lectures at the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, North Carolina, in March. In April he participated in a symposium, "Teaching Biblical Studies: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future," honoring Professor Fred L. Horton on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Religion at Wake Forest University. Horton introduced Black to academic study of the Old and New Testaments in 1973–1974.

In March, **Sally Brown** attended the Association of Theological Schools' faculty-focused consultation in Pittsburgh. The consultation addressed the changing character of faculty work in theological schools. She also attended a pre-consultation conversation with ATS women faculty to address particular issues of concern to them.

In September, Brown gave the Pace-Warren Lecture Series at the Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. In October, she was resident preacher/teacher at an all-church retreat for the First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame, California, at the Mount Hermon Conference Center near Santa Cruz.

James Charlesworth gave the Theological Lectureship at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, in March, where he demonstrated the important link between knowledge and faith. He also gave a lecture sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in the summer of 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is pictured here with Abuna Paulos ('70M, '88D), the patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

Charlesworth's book *The Good and Evil Serpent* won one of eleven 2011 *Christianity*

Today Book Awards. It won in the biblical studies category.



James Charlesworth and Abuna Paulos

Ellen Charry's book *God and the Art of Happiness* was read this fall by the honors college at Indiana Wesleyan University, as part of their Athens and Jerusalem Seminar in campus-wide reading groups. She visited the college in November to discuss the book with students and faculty.

In November 2010, Charry led a Lay Theology Day on her book for the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, as well as a Clergy Day on "Working Through Issues Theologically."

In February, **Kenda Creasy Dean** spoke on her recent book *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Teaching the American Church* in the Willson-Addis Endowed Lecture at Baylor University. She also spoke on the topic as the theologian-in-residence/speaker at the annual Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church in June. *Almost Christian* won one of eleven 2011 *Christianity Today* Book Awards. It won in the church and pastoral leadership category.

In May, Dean gave the commencement sermon at Wesley Theological Seminary's 129th commencement ceremony. She is a 1988 graduate of Wesley.

In February, **Robert Dykstra** gave the Psychology and Spirituality Lectures, "Artistic Expressions in Counseling and Pastoral Care," at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He also gave a plenary lecture titled "The Gospel of Kindness" at the national conference of the Covenant Network of

Presbyterians in November 2010.

Beverly Roberts Gaventa spoke at the Minette and Huber Leland Drumwright Jr. Endowed Colloquium in New Testament Studies at Baylor University in April. Her lecture was titled "The Rhetoric of Violence and the God of Peace in Paul's Letter to the Romans."

Last January and February, **Gordon Graham** gave a series of talks on "The Celtic Saints" at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cranbury, New Jersey.

He also participated in May in a public seminar, "The Role of the University in the 21st Century," organized by the Gifford Committee of the University of Glasgow, and in March he spoke about "What It Means to Be Saved," part of the Lenten Series of Eucharist, Supper, and Talks at Trinity Church in Princeton, New Jersey.

In August, Graham was a keynote speaker at the Centre of Theology and Philosophy's International Conference at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. The theme of the conference was "The Future of Creation Order."

Graham also participated in a round-table discussion titled "The Aims of Higher Education," organized by the Centre for Higher Education, Research, Teaching, and Learning at Rhodes University in South Africa in October 2010.

In April, **Darrell Guder** was the theologian-in-residence at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington, where he taught a Bible study on Philippians, "Becoming a Distinctive Community."



Darrell Guder (second from right) pictured with from left to right: Toby Mueller, a PCUSA pastor, Warner R. Durnell, executive presbyter of North Alabama Presbytery, and Mark Mueller, pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville.

Guder was also the Kyser Lecturer at the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama, in October.

George Hunsinger was appointed a member of the Reformed/Roman Catholic International Dialogue team (2011–2017), part of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. He will represent the Presbyterian Church (USA). In March he spoke at an interfaith conference titled "Toward a Moral Consensus Against Torture," held at Duke Divinity School and the First Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Stacy Johnson was the guest preacher in May at the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Johnson grew up in Southern Pines and is a "child of the congregation."

In February, **Cleo LaRue** lectured at the Sewickley Presbyterian Church in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on "The Shape of Christianity in Years to Come." He was the guest preacher in August at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

LaRue also participated in the Rogers-Cunningham-Bowman Ministerial Institute at Nazarene Theological Seminary in June.

Bruce McCormack gave the Croall Lectures at the University of Edinburgh in January. The title of the lecture series was "Abandoned by God: The Death of Christ in Systematic, Historical, and Exegetical Perspective."

In September and October, he gave the Kantzer Lectures in Revealed Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. The lecture series was titled "The God Who Graciously Elects: Seven Lectures on the Doctrine of Election."

Kathleen McVey spoke at the Duke University Syriac Symposium this year. The symposium was under the auspices of the North American Supervisory Board, of which she is a member.

In December 2010, the BBC program *Something Understood* featured excerpts from a translation of Ephrem the Syrian's



The Reformed/Roman Catholic International Dialogue Team on which PTS professor George Hunsinger (third from left) serves

Hymn on the Nativity #4 done by McVey.

In January, **Peter Paris** gave a presentation at the Princeton YWCA titled "The Relevance of Martin Luther King Jr. for Our Day." He also participated in the Princeton YWCA's Stand Against Racism event as part of a panel on "Racism and the Global Struggle for Peace and Justice" in May.

In February, **George Parsenios** spoke on the doctrine of atonement in the New Testament at a symposium sponsored by Princeton University and PTS in honor of Fr. Florovsky titled "On the Tree of the Cross: The Patristic Doctrine of Atonement."

Luke Powery gave a lecture on the power of Negro spirituals as historical narrative, as part of a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Geneva College in January 2011.

In February, **Luis Rivera-Pagán** gave a lecture at the Third International Conference on Christian-Muslim Relations that focused on violence, nonviolence, and religion.

Katharine Doob Sakenfeld taught a course titled "Biblical Women in Cultural Perspective" as part of the Evergreen Forum at the Princeton Senior Resource Center in March. The course was based on her book *Just Wives? Stories of Power and Survival in the Old Testament and Today*.

The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, edited by **Leong Seow**, was selected by *CHOICE Magazine* as one of the winners of its Outstanding Academic Titles for 2010. **Dennis Olson** and **James Deming** serve as area editors for this continuing project.

Loren Stuckenbruck spoke at the E.G. Purcell Jr. Bible Conference at

Barton College in March. In April, he gave a lecture on "Demonology in the Synoptic Gospels" at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference at Cincinnati Christian University.

In March, **Mark Taylor** participated in a panel on the current prison system during a conference on "Imprisonment of a Race," sponsored by Princeton University. The conference focused on the prison system in a historical and present-day context through the lens of race.

New Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow in Old Testament

Dr. Stephen Russell, who recently completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, has joined the PTS community as a post-doctoral teaching fellow in Old Testament. He is teaching biblical Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis courses while continuing research on his second book, *Beyond Sacred Space*. His book draws on philosophical and geographical concepts of space, mapping the ways in which the ancient Israelite and Judahite monarchies used spatial strategies to bolster their power and the ways in which those strategies were resisted. Russell, who began his post in July 2011, will teach for a two-year fixed term within the Department of Biblical Studies. We welcome his presence at Princeton Seminary, and the gifts and experience that he brings.



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Korean Documentaries to Include PTS

On September 30, a film crew from Korea spent the day on campus shooting footage for a documentary film they are making in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Korea in 2012. They filmed students in class and in chapel, and interviewed Professor Sam Moffett and his wife, Eileen, who were missionaries in Korea for much of their career; Professor Jim Moorhead, who spoke about the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and President Torrance, who has



Dr. Kyung-Chik Han

visited Korea twice and spoke about the theology of the Reformed tradition, and the relationship of Presbyterian churches in Korea, America, and Europe.

In December, a second Korean film crew came to campus as part of their work on a documentary film about Dr. Kyung-Chik Han, one of Korea's most prominent pastors of the twentieth century. Han fled North Korea in 1945 and began a small church when he arrived in Seoul. Under his leadership, that church became the Young Nak Church, the largest Presbyterian congregation in the world. Han was honored as a Princeton Seminary Distinguished



Photo: Kim Schmidt

Alumnus in 1985, and in 1992 won the prestigious Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

While in Princeton, the crew took footage of the campus, of the room in Hodge Hall where Han lived when he was a student, and of the portrait of Han that hangs in Luce Library.

Visitors at Princeton Seminary

A Delegation from Zambia

In September, four Zambians from the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and the Uniting Church in Southern Africa were guests of the Seminary, attending the daily chapel service, visiting Luce Library's Special Collections, and sharing lunch with students.

They were in the United States as part of a mission partnership with the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Pictured here with President Torrance are, from left, Elder Isaac Ngulube, The Reverend Sauros Phaika, the Reverend Gerald Phirir, and the Reverend Thomson Mkandawire.



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PCUSA Seminary Support Network Volunteers

In May, one hundred volunteers from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Seminary Support Network visited the Princeton Seminary campus as part of their annual gathering. They attended chapel, took "mini classes" with Professors Ellen Charry and Deborah Hunsinger, learned from students about their field education, and heard from President Torrance about the new library. Princeton is grateful to the network for their wonderful work helping to raise funds from churches for the Presbyterian seminaries.



From Rio to Monrovia, from Belfast to Cape Town

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS EXPAND THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND ENRICH THE SEMINARY

BY ALLIE NASKRET

Jennie Lee Rodriguez was near desperation as she entered the Field Education Office to meet with her advisor Lori Neff. Rodriguez had a gnawing feeling that she needed to know more. As a second-career student, she had served in ministry for many years in both New Jersey and Brooklyn, New York. Rodriguez was looking for something other than the traditional church placement—something that would challenge and stretch her view of what is possible in ministry. “I needed something to push me to where God was calling me,” she says.

With the help of the Field Education Office and Director of Multicultural Relations Victor Aloyo, Rodriguez applied for a yearlong intensive field education internship in São Paulo, Brazil. The next fall, in September 2008, she found herself leaving her home, her family and friends, and everything she had known to travel to a place where she knew no one and the language sounded strange to her untrained ears. “It was the first time I had taken such a risk,” says Rodriguez, who felt that she had to surrender full control to God in her journey. God was faithful; Rodriguez found that the community in which she served embraced her with warmth and generosity. “When I was there, it didn’t feel so foreign,” says Rodriguez, who soon discovered many ways to connect with people.

In São Paulo, Rodriguez interned with the Association for the Children of Bethlehem, an organization created to provide education and services for children either directly or indirectly affected by HIV. Rodriguez worked with street children at the Refugio orphanage, while also teaching English to children at the organization’s school. In addition, she often preached and led staff devotionals at Morumbi Church, originally founded to reach these children. While the language barrier was difficult at first, Rodriguez says, “God [slowly] taught me to understand Portuguese.”

Rodriguez says that she felt the strength of God’s presence in São Paulo. “When areas are stricken with hardship, I find that the people see God more,” says Rodriguez. She vividly recalls talking with a woman at a bus station one day. Despite having just met, the two ended up praying together in the middle of the bus after a long conversation. “It’s not something I’ve experienced in my hometown

of New York,” Rodriguez says. “The people I met in Brazil are looking for something, they are seeking to know God.”

Rodriguez also recalls visiting Rio de Janeiro during her year in Brazil to see the world-famous statue of Christ the Redeemer that stands on a mountain peak with arms outstretched over the city. “To see the arms of Christ there”—in the midst of a high-crime area, surrounded by shanty houses with tin roofs—was to Rodriguez an image of “a country seeking God in the midst of confusion, suffering, and hardship.” She says that her time in Brazil renewed her faith and called her back to the root of the gospel and the truth that “life [itself] is a Living Word.”

Mission Partnership in Cape Town

During his time in South Africa, Patrick Dunn also experienced the presence of God in the midst of suffering and loss. Dunn, who served as a field education intern at Bellville Presbyterian Church (BPC) in Cape Town in the summer of 2010, says that

in his first week there, he found himself helping an undertaker carry a woman’s body out of her house while his supervisor prayed with her family. “In many ways, it drew me closer to the congregation much faster than I expected,” reflects Dunn, who accompanied his supervisor on many such house visits. “As God would have it, my supervisor was the most adept minister I’ve ever met with regard to handling death.... I’ve never been to a church that’s so deeply invested in ministering



Marcia Scipio, M.Div. senior, takes a moment for reflection at her field education placement in Monrovia, Liberia.



The North Coast of Northern Ireland, the location of Princeton Seminary’s first international field education placement. Jared Stephens (far left) served in Northern Ireland at Groomsport Presbyterian Church in 2009–2010.

In the background is the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

to dying people and their families. In a sad way, it was actually an enormous blessing to me to have such a thorough introduction to grief, healing, and proclaiming the gospel in the midst of tragedy,” says Dunn.

As an intern at PBC, Dunn interacted daily with people who came to the church seeking help. Located on the perimeter of an urban area, Bellville suffers from widespread homelessness, prostitution, human trafficking, and a thriving drug trade. Dunn had the opportunity to work with a mission organization called Metro Evangelical Services (MES), which works in partnership with PBC. On any given day, he might find himself counseling a person who had lost a job, or speaking with a woman who was desperate to get out of her trade as a prostitute, or accompanying the MES staff to take census of the ever-changing homeless population. He says that such a diverse range of experiences prepared him in many ways for future ministry.

According to Dr. Chester Polk, director of the international field education program at PTS, this is precisely the purpose of the program—to prepare students for ministry in a diverse world, and to expose them to the work that the church is doing in other regions of the globe. In training future pastors, chaplains, teachers, and directors of NGOs, Polk believes that it is “responsible” to provide students with opportunities to serve internationally, since the stretching experiences that students have abroad prepare them in unique ways to serve in ministry. In an age when the center of the church is shifting to the southern hemisphere, it is increasingly valuable for students to gain an understanding of how the church functions and thrives there.

Polk explains that the intent of the international field education program is for students to “live in community and invest their lives in the lives of the people there.” What results from these relationships is a “cross-pollination” of ideas, knowledge, and experience. “It is not so much that students are teaching, but that they are learning and gaining insight into another culture and tradition,” says Polk. Students find their viewpoints challenged as they interact with people from very different backgrounds.

Beginnings of Field Placements Overseas

The international field education program at PTS began in 1983 when Dr. David Irwin (D.Min., 1983) accepted a student intern at Groomsport Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland. Irwin called this internship program “The Princeton Connection.” Under the direction of the Field Education Office in the 1990s, the international program slowly expanded, as field education students were added to academic programs led by Professor Mark Taylor in Guatemala and Professor Charles Ryerson in India. As the office built relationships with pastors abroad, new international sites were developed. Polk now serves as a liaison between the PTS community and churches around the globe,

building relationships with international field education supervisors and occasionally visiting placement sites abroad.

Since the program began, more than 200 students have served in countries around the globe, including Brazil, Cambodia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Nicaragua, India, Japan, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, Romania, Uganda, and South Korea. These students represent PTS to the global community and serve as Christ’s presence in the world. Some serve in church placements, while others work in specialized ministries and nonprofit organizations. Students apply through the Field Education Office, and those who are selected to serve abroad are fully funded by the Seminary. In 2010–2011, nine students served at seven different international sites, including one newly developed site in Rwanda.

Students who have served in international field education placements find that their experiences abroad greatly influence their perspectives on theology and ministry. Jared Stephens, who was the intern at Groomsport Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland in

2009–2010, explains, “Perspective is the most important thing.... [After being abroad], the questions that you ask are different.”

Stephens says that because of his time in Northern Ireland, he has come to understand the church in a new way. In a country where tensions between Catholics and Protestants have historically contributed to violent divisions, the church now has “a real sense of the need for unity and reconciliation,” he says. According to Stephens, the church is a vital part of the culture in Northern Ireland. “The church functions differently in community there.... The minister

sees himself as a member of the community at large, with social responsibilities, even political roles,” he explains. Experiencing how the church functions in another part of the globe expanded and challenged Stephens’s views of the church’s role in the world. It also confirmed that his life is inextricably tied to the lives of his Christian brothers and sisters around the world. “I came to see the world church as the body of Christ—rather than individual nations with individual churches,” says Stephens.

Similarly, Marsha Scipio, who served in Monrovia, Liberia, in the summer of 2010, found that her experience abroad expanded her understanding of the church and its mission. Providence Baptist Church (PBC), where Scipio served, has a rich history and has often been called the cornerstone of the nation. In the older section of the church building, the Liberia Constitution was signed, after former U.S. slaves, and then missionaries, landed in West Africa to set up an independent government. Scipio explains that today the church “stands as a symbol of hope for a city and a people recovering from a fourteen-year civil war that ended in 2003.” During the Civil Crisis, PBC was a refuge for those trying to escape the violence, evidenced by the bullets still embedded in the church’s outer walls. The church



The sacrament of baptism celebrated at Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia

continues to serve the surrounding community by providing hot meals to feed the hungry and offering counseling sessions for homeless and drug-addicted young men and women, some of whom were former child soldiers.

Witnessing PBC's integration with the surrounding community "allowed me to expand my own understanding of what the mission of the church should be," says Scipio. Before serving in Liberia, she did not picture herself working in a church setting, but with a parachurch or nonprofit organization. "Prior to [my time in Liberia] there seemed to be a disconnect between my understanding of the role of the church and what the churches in which I had been involved were actually doing," she says. Upon returning from Liberia, Scipio decided to transfer from the M.A. program to the M.Div. program. She can now envision herself serving in a church that is as integrated with its community as PBC is.

Service Abroad Changes Lives

Students who participate in the international field education program often return as new people. Polk says that he notices a "definitive difference in who [students] are" when they return from their international experiences. Not only do these experiences expand students' perspectives; they also often change their lives and ministries.

Deeply moved by his field education experience, Patrick Dunn returned to Cape Town this past summer to volunteer at Bellville Presbyterian Church and Metro Evangelical Services, and also to begin pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian denomination in southern Africa. Dunn plans to return to Cape Town after graduating from PTS, with a view toward being ordained for parish ministry and settling there permanently.

Jared Stephens not only learned a great deal at his international field education site, but he also fell in love. He is now engaged to a girl from Northern Ireland, whom he met on a train ride during his year there. Stephens hopes to be ordained in the PCUSA and to return to Northern Ireland with his fiancée after having served as a pastor in the states for a while. At the very least, in whatever church he will serve, he hopes to build relationships between that church and churches abroad.

While some students feel led to serve abroad again, others apply what they've learned internationally to the ministries they are doing locally. Rodriguez joined the PTS staff this past summer as assistant director of field education. In this position, she hopes to open up new field education possibilities to her students. She also continues to serve part time at her first field education church, Nuevas Fronteras, in Plainfield, New Jersey, a congregation that shares a building with United Presbyterian Church. While the two congregations keep their own cultures and styles of worship, they serve together through the

Plainfield Parish Ministry. Rodriguez hopes to create a missional ministry at Nuevas Fronteras, to further involve the congregation in local and international service.

Rodriguez says her experience in Brazil "pushed me to go outside of the box...and to think about the question What did Jesus really do?" She recently participated in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land sponsored by the Macedonia Ministry Project, and thought about that question a lot while walking around Galilee and Jerusalem with sixteen other pastors from the Princeton-Trenton area. "Jesus didn't just sit in the temple—he walked around a lot," Rodriguez concludes. "He must have had strong legs," she adds jokingly, referring to the many hills in the Holy Land.

Rodriguez's realization that Jesus walked a lot during his lifetime brings to mind the prophet Micah's familiar exhortation to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). The command requires movement—to wherever God might lead. For some, this means following the age-old command that God gave to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

Students who have trusted God's call to travel to a new land have found that God blesses their journeys. Students' experiences abroad

greatly influence the way they approach ministry and transform their view of what the mission of the church should and could be. Moreover, these students' international experiences not only influence their own lives; they also change the conversations that happen on campus and affect all those who hear their stories. Polk says that "living vicariously through [these students'] experiences is informative, inspiring, and affords me an ongoing way to reflect on my own ministry."

The international field education program enriches and expands the PTS community, as students are connected to a web of global relationships. Rodriguez, a New Yorker

with a Puerto Rican heritage, says she now has family in São Paulo. Stephens, who grew up in the countryside of Canada, has been known to wear a kilt on campus and to tell stories with an Irish accent. Scipio, a Brooklynite, recently met with her supervisor from Liberia while he was in the states, while Dunn, a Midwesterner from Indiana, brings to campus his experience at an integrated church in Cape Town. Students returning from field education placements abroad do their part to make PTS a truly international community. Their stories provide Princeton Seminary with an ongoing way to reflect on its own ministry in an ever-expanding world. ✱

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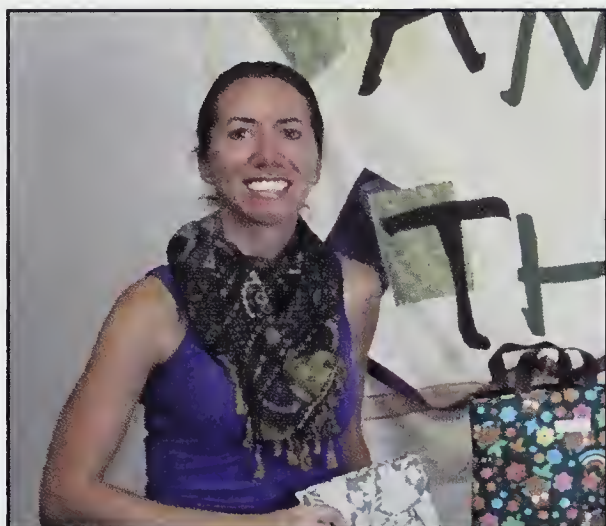


Providence Baptist Church leadership team in Monrovia, Liberia. Thomas Wilson (far left) graduated from Princeton Seminary in 2011; Marsha Scipio (fourth from left) is a senior.

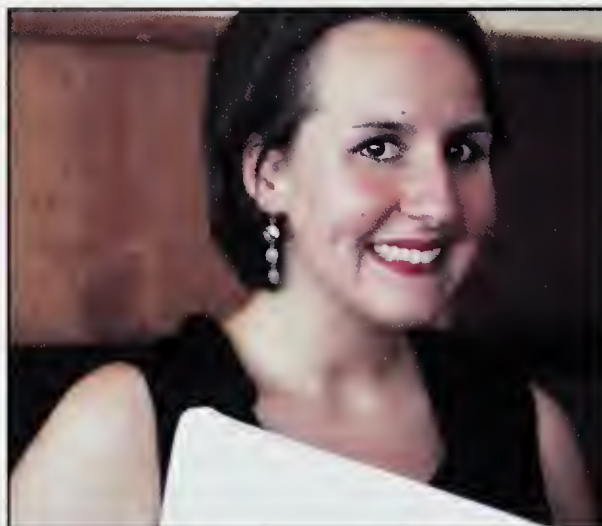
Entrepreneurial Alumnae Take Unique Approaches to Ministry

THREE DREAMS REALIZED THROUGH NONPROFITS THAT ENRICH, EMPOWER, AND ENTERTAIN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE U.S.

BY KIMBERLY PINNIX



Stefanie Shumaker (M.Div., 2006)



Gretchen Sausville (M.Div., 2005)



Eleanor Norman (M.Div./M.A., 2006)

Meet three Princeton Seminary alumnae: Stefanie Shumaker (M.Div., 2006), Gretchen Sausville (M.Div., 2005), and Eleanor Norman (M.Div./M.A., 2006). All three women are entrepreneurs who are working in different geographic locations toward a common goal—fulfilling a need in the community through ministry.

Having first been introduced to a refugee at just five years old through her church and later watching her family “adopt” a refugee family, Stefanie Shumaker said, “Throughout my life, anywhere I go, I always seem to be drawn toward and interacting with refugees, either through the church or during my day-to-day routine.” Shumaker’s town, Salt Lake City, Utah, is home to an estimated 25,000 refugees, which sparked her interest in developing a way to help them succeed in the U.S. “Many people don’t realize that a refugee is a ‘survivor,’ who was forced to leave his or her country due to persecution over political views, race, religion, or even nationality. They’ve suffered hardships and I want to help them establish a life in the U.S.,” said Shumaker.

Shumaker began Ambatana Threads, her Salt Lake City business, when she combined her hobby—sewing—with her passion for helping local refugees. “Ambatana,” a Swahili word that means “uniting people,” describes the mission of Ambatana Threads—a clothing and accessory company that employs refugees in a variety of capacities: accounting, clothing design, manufacturing, marketing, and communication. “It is a place where women from different countries come together, make new friends, and share business ideas,” explained Shumaker.

In Utah, finding employment is the biggest challenge facing the largest groups of refugees—Somali, Sudanese, and Bosnian. In employing refugees, Shumaker is growing her business; more importantly, she is providing them with job experience and an income, which she hopes will help them “make it” in the U.S. Shumaker is particularly interested in hiring women (refugees), so they can learn skills and earn a paycheck to provide for their families. In most refugee families, the men are the sole “providers,” but if they are injured or get sick and can’t work, it is nearly impossible for a refugee family to survive.

Similar to Shumaker’s call to empower women in the community, Eleanor Norman founded an organization that recruits women to change the face of philanthropy in a Virginia town. In 2010, Norman’s call as temporary supply pastor led her to Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. After relocating, she made an effort to make new friends by joining a community group, Lead Hampton Roads, a networking forum for young leaders. Inspired by the meetings, which shed light on the need for charitable assistance in the community, Norman established Impact Hampton Roads just a few months later. Her idea is simple: women volunteers (members) each donate \$1,000 in dues to Impact Hampton Roads. The dues then support grants for local charities.

“The idea of women coming together, giving up a few hours of their time each month, and making a donation to benefit a local organization empowers them and shows women that they, too, can have a lasting impact on the community,” said Norman.

Although Impact Hampton Roads focuses its efforts on engaging

women, young adults and men can also join. Youth can participate by making an annual contribution and men can support the mission by joining Men of Impact. Together, the members' fees are pooled to award \$10,000 and \$100,000 grants to charities to support critical needs or new ventures in the arts, education, recreation, or family health and wellness.

"Sharing our story with the community, seeing the excitement when we give applications to organizations, and encouraging them to think 'big' is extremely rewarding," said Norman.

Impact Hampton Roads is a sister organization of Impact, which was founded in 2001 by a group of women in Cincinnati, Ohio. To date, the fifteen Impact sister organizations in the U.S. have raised more than eleven million dollars for charities throughout the country. Likewise, the success of Impact Hampton Roads is truly a testament to the passion of its members and leaders—all staff are volunteers, 100 percent of donations support the grants, and overhead costs are covered by corporate sponsorships. The members also play a pivotal role in recruiting new members and raising awareness about the organization.

Similar to Norman's efforts, community engagement is also part of Gretchen Sausville's call, but with a slightly different approach. After participating in a community production of *Godspell* in the spring of 2010, Sausville recognized the need for a community theater in Granby,

Connecticut. Along with a few "good" friends, she founded The Good Company Theater just a few months later. Her hope is that the theater will support community members who are interested in the arts while producing shows for the enrichment, education, and entertainment of the community.

Although Shumaker, Norman, and Sausville are working in different ways to further the mission of the church through community ministry, they all share a desire to make their communities better places. They recognized a need and chose to take action, despite how risky or time-consuming their ideas were. Norman said, "I want all members of my community to live in a clean, safe, and culturally rich environment with access to quality education and healthcare. That is why I am working to provide charities with larger grants than are typical," said Norman. Many nonprofit organizations must piece together multiple grants to fund a program or provide a needed service to the community. "By offering generous grants, we hope to streamline the process and make it easier for charities to implement new programs, which will benefit the entire Hampton Roads community," continued Norman.

Like Norman's efforts, The Good Company Theater is also focused on bringing "good news" to the community by performing shows that deliver positive messages. With the busyness and stress of everyday life, the theater serves as an "outlet" for community members—both



"Ambatana," a Swahili word meaning "uniting people," describes the mission of Ambatana Threads.



Mahafarin, an employee at Ambatana Threads who fled from Iran, found her niche in the U.S., sewing clothing.



Good Company creates great community! Left, Gretchen Sausville, founder; right, Deborah Torgersen, chair.

performers and audiences. “It’s remarkable how theater connects so many people of different faiths, socioeconomic levels, and professional backgrounds,” said Sausville. “Whether by attending a show or by performing, everyone benefits.” In addition to providing entertainment, the theater supports neighborhood businesses by using local seamstresses, carpenters, caterers, musicians, and designers. “We involve the greater community and use and share the gifts of many individuals,” said Sausville.

Shumaker also does her part in engaging the community. In addition to employing refugees and directing them to local transition services, Ambatana Threads supports employees by raising the community’s awareness about the refugee population and the challenges they face—finding a job, learning English, and adjusting to life in a foreign country.

Although the three women are contributing to their communities

“Shumaker, Norman, and Sausville...share a desire to make their communities better places. They recognized a need and chose to take action, despite how risky or time-consuming their ideas were.”

through their businesses, ironically, becoming entrepreneurs was not their intent. “I never thought I would found an organization, but looking back, I’m not too surprised by where I am today. I’ve always been very philanthropic and involved in fund-raising—even in high school and college,” said Norman. While Sausville does have a background in performing and visual arts, she didn’t initially set out to establish a nonprofit theater company. She said it happened “organically,” and now she can’t imagine life without the people she has met through the theater.

Not having a background in business made it a little more challenging for Shumaker in establishing Ambatana Threads. But, she took courses and immersed herself in books that gave her an overview of business management. Through her own “trial and error,” she now manages the company’s web site, designs clothing labels, and sews many of the products—children’s clothing, aprons, wallets, tote bags, and lunch boxes. “Having patience with myself and learning along the way has been challenging, but interacting with the refugees and hearing their success stories makes this venture worth all of my efforts,” said Shumaker.

Similarly, Norman has a busy schedule, balancing two roles—as a temporary supply pastor and as the president and founder of a fund-raising organization. “At times it can be difficult, but I believe being a community leader is part of my call. Every time we receive a check toward our \$100,000 goal, we are inspired to work harder and to think

of new strategies to meet our goals,” she said.

All three women agree that their time at PTS benefited them, though in different ways. Sausville said, “My participation in *The Vagina Monologues* at PTS gave me the confidence to pursue theater professionally and showed me that ministry is not confined to the walls of the church.” Sausville is also grateful for many of the experiences she had at the Seminary, in particular collaborating and interacting with diverse groups of students and faculty. She said, “The experience of sharing different theological viewpoints and listening to each other’s ideas ultimately sharpened my interpersonal skills. Today I rely on much of what I learned at PTS to run The Good Company Theater.”

Although Shumaker is not currently working in a church as she focuses on building Ambatana Threads, she also relies on what she experienced at Princeton Seminary. She said, “In helping my employees assimilate, I often find myself providing counseling and relying on the pastoral care techniques I learned at PTS.”

In addition to their “side ventures,” Norman and Sausville serve the church on a full-time basis. Sausville, who is associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Hartford, Connecticut, said, “Having the theater as an outlet creates a spiritual discipline that brings balance to my life. By carving out time for myself, I am ‘fresher’ and have become a more tuned-in pastor.”

The future is looking bright for these Princeton Seminary alumnae: Ambatana Threads is a nonprofit organization, but Shumaker is in the process of applying for a license as a Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the company becomes incorporated, she is hopeful that the business will continue to grow, allowing her to expand her employee base. Through her business venture, Shumaker is raising awareness about the refugee population and the struggles they face while also supporting a larger goal—helping to ensure that refugees in the Salt Lake City area become viable citizens who can sustain lives in the U.S.

Norman, who set out to bring good will and generosity to Virginia, is doing just that. In November 2011, less than one year after Impact Hampton Roads was established, her efforts were realized. Members and board members of Impact Hampton Roads awarded the first \$100,000 grant to a Virginia nonprofit organization.

The Good Company Theater recently produced *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and in upcoming months will mount productions of *Daughters of the Appalachians* and *Abracadabra!*, an original musical based on the Gospel of Luke.

These three young women who once shared classes at the Seminary are now “bonded together by a passion to make a difference in the community,” said Norman. ✱

For more information, check out these web sites:

Ambatana Threads www.ambatanathreads.com

Impact Hampton Roads www.impacthamptonroads.org

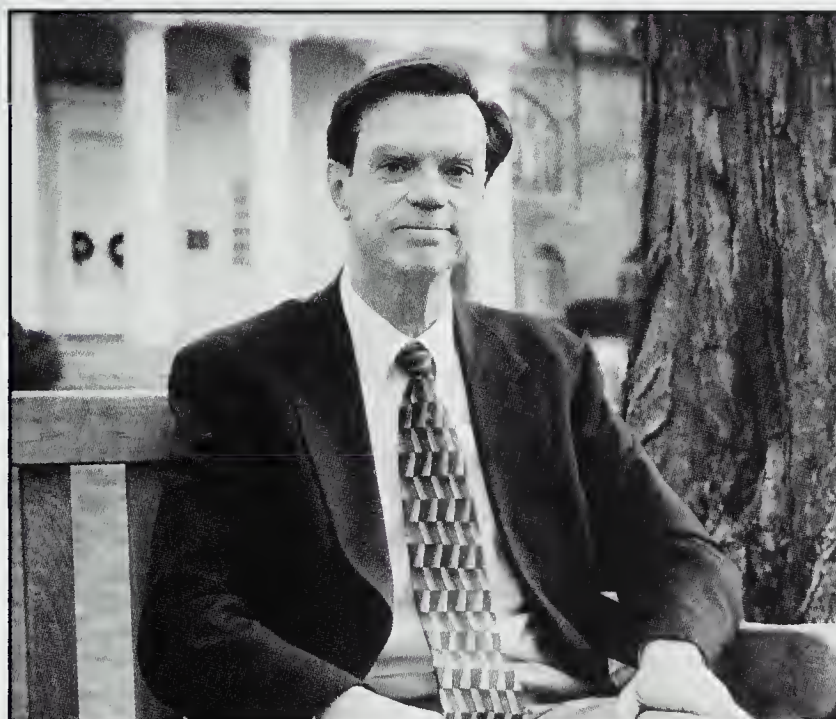
The Good Company Theater www.goodcompanytheaterct.org

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Remembering Donald Juel

READING SCRIPTURE, ENCOUNTERING GOD

BY SHANE BERG



Donald Harrisville Juel was the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Theology at Princeton Seminary from 1995 to 2003.

It happened in Mackay one morning in April 1999. Suddenly New Testament Professor Don Juel charged in through the doors of the dining hall and began looking around intently. When his eyes came to rest on me, the corners of his mouth curled up in a smile and he made a beeline for my table. “Berg,” he barked, “you’re a North Dakota Lutheran—just what I need!” “Former Lutheran,” I reminded him, though he knew full well I had become a Presbyterian in college.

“Doesn’t matter,” he replied impatiently, “you grew up singing the old Lutheran hymns.” I conceded the point. “I cannot remember the words to the second verse of ‘Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended,’ and I want to use it in my sermon this afternoon,” he continued. “Do you remember how it goes?”

I tried several times to come up with the words, but I could not quite sort them out in my head. I finally shrugged my shoulders and said, “I’m sorry—I can only remember the verses when I sing them.” “Well sing then!” he insisted. “Right now?” I asked hesitantly. “Yes, right now!” he replied, now almost in exasperation. Though I am no musician, there was little that I would not do for my beloved professor, and so right there in the dining hall I launched into a halting rendition of one of my favorite hymns. I did manage to come up with the words to the all-important second verse that he was seeking:

“Who was the guilty, who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.”

“Yes, you’ve got it!” he exclaimed with delight. After a parting shot about my questionable vocal skills, he thanked me and darted out as quickly as he had come. This was a classic Juel moment—he was mischievous and funny while at the same time vigorously pursuing a serious theological train of thought. In my classes with him, and especially in the countless lunches that I had the joy of sharing with him, I came to know well how his playful nature

added warmth and levity to his intense theological imagination. Work and play were not separate categories for him.

Juel had invited me earlier in the week to sit in on the class in which he was delivering his sermon—Jews and Judaism in Christian Preaching, which he cotaught with his colleague Professor Ellen Charry. Juel was preaching to the students a Good Friday sermon that modeled how to avoid an anti-Semitic reading of the Gospels without emptying the passion narrative of its drama and shock.

Like the other students in the classroom that stuffy late spring afternoon, I was spellbound as Juel worked his way through several passages in Luke’s passion narrative. He elegantly and persuasively showed us how Jesus’ words on the cross—“Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing” (23:34)—refer not merely to the “Jews” who had put Jesus on trial but rather to every character in the Gospel and by extension to all of humanity. Juel drove home his point by citing the words to the second verse of “Ah, Holy Jesus” that he had sought from me earlier in the day, which speak of the guilt for Jesus’ death not in the third-person but in the first-person. “I” crucified Jesus, not “them.”

Jesus died not because he fell in among a few malicious people, but rather because all of humanity is “under sin,” as the apostle Paul might say. Despite our best intentions and valiant efforts, Juel asserted, we humans are caught in webs of ignorance, suspicion, and resentment that forever undermine our well-laid plans and reasonable assumptions. We do not know what we are doing, and our only hope is that God will break the power of sin and give life to us. In Juel’s masterful reading of Luke, this basic Reformation conviction came through with grace and power.

Over the course of his teaching career, Juel offered such rich and stimulating insights to thousands of people—students in his classes

at both Luther Seminary and Princeton Seminary, pastors attending conferences at which he spoke, and lay people in whose churches

he preached and taught all over the United States. Whether it was helping people see the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke from an entirely new angle of vision (he preferred to call it “The Lament of an Oldest Child”), calling into question the traditional way of understanding the Parable of the Seeds and the Sower in Mark (“Be good soil? Soil can’t ‘be’ anything!”), or exploring the theological possibilities of the “shorter ending” of Mark’s Gospel, Juel always offered what amounted to a master class in interpreting the Bible within the community of faith.

My friend Matt Skinner, a PTS M.Div. (1997) and Ph.D. (2002) grad who now teaches New

Testament at Luther Seminary, and I are convinced that Don Juel still has a great deal to teach the church about interpreting scripture. As a result of this belief, we have edited a volume of his essays that represent his accessible and lively interpretations of scripture. We also included transcripts of eight of his sermons because they are such vivid examples of his approach to reading the Bible. The sermon on Luke 23:34 that had made such a deep impression on me in the spring of 1999 is among the sermons we chose for the volume.

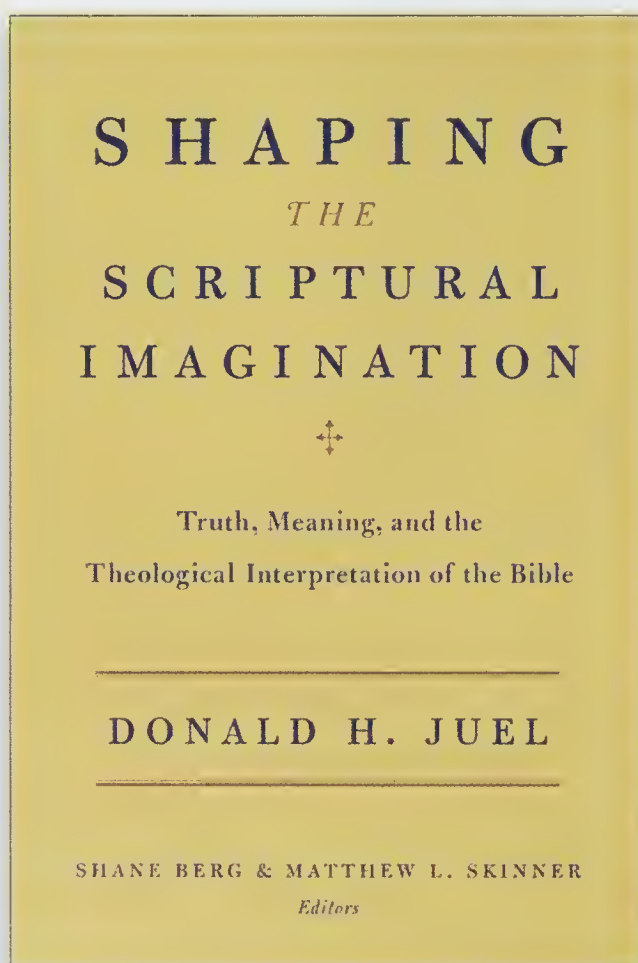
The book has recently been published by Baylor University Press. The director of the press, Carey Newman, is an admirer of Juel’s work and eagerly agreed to take on the project as soon as Matt and I proposed it to him. Newman and his editorial team did a terrific job bringing the book through the various stages of the publication process. They are proud partners in making sure that Don Juel’s legacy lives on for future generations of pastors and scholars.

Matt Skinner regularly encounters those who have been influenced by Juel’s teaching and writing. In Skinner’s nine years on the faculty of Luther Seminary, speaking to congregations, groups of pastors, and other Luther Seminary graduates, over and over again when people learn his educational history, they venture the question, “Did you by any chance know Don Juel?” “I’ve seen people joyfully imitate his distinctive mannerisms, quote his best lines, and speak fondly about his deep influence on their lives and ministry,” Skinner reports. “Don wasn’t one of those scholars who writes a big book that reorients the field of New Testament studies; he was the kind who knows how to guide others into the riches of the field, who knows how to take ‘subject matter’ and bring it to life—in both generative and disturbing ways. That’s the kind of teaching that leaves a legacy, and I’ve been repeatedly struck by discovering just how wide Don’s legacy is at the two seminaries that I know best.”

One of Don Juel’s dearest friends was Beverly Gaventa, his colleague on the Princeton Seminary New Testament faculty. When I asked her to reflect on what made him such an effective and inspiring



Shane Berg lectures on the Gospel of Mark to a group of students at the Presbyterian seminary in Cairo. He and President Iain Torrance taught intensive January term courses at the school in January 2010 just prior to the revolution in Tahrir Square.



Shaping the Scriptural Imagination: Truth, Meaning, and the Theological Interpretation of the Bible

by Donald H. Juel, edited by Shane Berg and Matthew L. Skinner

Published by Baylor University Press, July 2011

Copies can be ordered through Cokesbury TBA at Princeton Seminary or on www.amazon.com.

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teacher, she struggled to give a short answer. “He was incredibly learned, but he wore that learning lightly,” she offered. “He was deeply committed to shaping students as interpreters of scripture. He knew how to provoke them in order to bring out their best thinking, but his touch was so gentle they always felt supported.”

As a colleague, Gaventa claims Juel was unequalled. “He was warm, witty, generous, and supportive, and he wanted all of us to flourish,” she said. “He and Lynda embodied hospitality in this community, both with colleagues and students.”

Don’s widow, Lynda, played a key role in the book by providing access to her husband’s files, which yielded notes and manuscripts that were incorporated into the volume. In the attempt to capture the defining quality of Juel’s life and teaching, she offers that “Don was about ‘venture.’ He loved the metaphor of sailing into deep unknown waters. He was an explorer, a questioner, and yet a man of great faith. He always knew he would be a teacher and preacher. He loved his students, his colleagues, his family, and learned from them all. He

thrived on theological discussion. It drove him deep into the Word, and what it can do. He hoped that his students would catch that same excitement as they searched and explored the scriptures, and that they might set forth on their own venture of faith and revitalize the church.”

Matt Skinner was one of those many fortunate students who experienced Don Juel’s compelling teaching, so I asked him to name the single most important thing he learned from Juel’s classes, writings, and sermons. “Perhaps the most important thing I learned from Don was that the Bible can make a difference in the lives of people and congregations,” he replied. “That sounds simplistic, I know, but it’s not, especially when you try to see it happening in real life. Too many Christians have found themselves in positions where they don’t know what to do with the Bible. They don’t know what to expect from it. The Bible itself was not a magical book for Don, but he regarded Bible reading as a kind of sacramental activity—not necessarily because grace is sure to flow from the Bible’s pages, but because the possibility of an encounter with God is always there. It’s there when we don’t get too distracted by the historical, rhetorical, and methodological questions that always come, but instead let those lead us to consider who God is and to ask, ‘What if God really is like that, right here and right now? What difference might that make?’”



Matthew Skinner is associate professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary.

For Don Juel, God’s surprising and often unsettling intrusion into human lives meant all the difference in world. ✱

Shane Berg is assistant professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary.

Donald Harrisville Juel

Donald Harrisville Juel (1942–2003) was the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Theology at Princeton Seminary from 1995 until his untimely death in 2003 from a lung disorder. He had previously taught at Luther Seminary (1978–1995), Princeton Seminary (1974–1978), and Indiana University (1972–1974). His education included a B.A. from St. Olaf College (1964), a B.D. from Luther Seminary (1968), and a Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University (1973).

Juel was a beloved professor whose masterful teaching made a deep impact on his students at both Luther and Princeton. He was also much in demand for church conferences, continuing education events, and alumni/ae gatherings.

Juel was also an accomplished scholar. His most significant works explore the literary and theological dimensions of the Gospel of Mark. Juel wrote important books on the literary qualities of the trial narrative in Mark (*Messiah and Temple*, Scholars Press, 1977) and the rhetorical artistry of Mark (*Master of Surprise: Mark Interpreted*, Fortress, 1994). He also published a popular book on Mark that sets out his assessment of Mark’s theological achievement in an accessible and winsome fashion (*Gospel of Mark*, Interpreting Biblical Texts series, Abingdon, 1999). In addition to these studies of Mark, Juel also penned a well-received volume on the interpretation of the scriptures of Israel (what became in time the Christian “Old Testament”) in the early church (*Messianic Exegesis: Christological Interpretation of the Old Testament in Early Christianity*, Fortress, 1988).

2011

Commencement

On a beautiful spring afternoon last May, Princeton Theological Seminary held its **199th Commencement Services**. One hundred and sixty-eight students processed into the Princeton University Chapel to receive their diplomas. Included in six degree programs were twenty-one international students from Egypt, India, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Scotland, South Africa, and Turkey, most of whom returned to their native countries to teach and assume leadership positions in the church. We congratulate the graduates and keep them in our prayers in their first year of ministry.



Andrew (M.Div., 2011) and Samantha (M.Div., 2011) Hudson

Clergy couple Andrew and Samantha Hudson serve as teachers at SEMISUD, a Church of God seminary located in Quito, Ecuador. Based there for two years, the Hudsons teach theology and ministry development.

"Our goal is to humbly offer a diverse perspective in the theological training of these future pastors; for that is what we treasured most in our Princeton experience, those professors who had more diverse perspective to teach," said Samantha. They also hope to "serve as a bridge among God's family, between Ecuador and the United States. As people's worldview increases, they can learn more about the God who created this world from their brothers and sisters of other cultures; things they could never have imagined without that cross-cultural experience," she said.

The Hudsons hope that their presence will build a bridge for the Ecuadorians, and "our letters a bridge for those in the United States."



Rachel Daley (M.Div., 2011)

Winner of The Seward Hiltner Award in Theology and Personality at Commencement Exercises, Rachel Daley serves as a mission worker for the Reformed Church of America in Hungary.



Edip Aydin (Ph.D., 2011)

Mor Polycarpus Eugene Aydin, Syriac Orthodox Archbishop of the Netherlands, graduated from the Seminary with a doctorate in church history. In April 2007 he was ordained and appointed as the Patriarchal Vicar for the diocese of the Netherlands and is headquartered at Dayro d-Mor Ephrem (Mor Aphrem Monastery) at Losser, the Netherlands.

Since 2002, Aydin has been one of the executive members of the popular web site of the Syriac Orthodox Church, "Syriac Orthodox Resources" (<http://sor.cua.edu>).

Aydin is pictured with President Iain Torrance, who invited him to give the benediction at Commencement Exercises.



Kellen Smith (M.Div., 2011)

serves as associate pastor for youth, families, and colleges students at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The recipient of The John T. Galloway Award in Expository Preaching, Smith is pictured here with Seminary trustee and Bicentennial cochair John Galloway (Class of 1966). The Galloway Award is named for John's father, John T. Galloway.



Edwin Estevez (M.Div./M.A., 2011)

Dual-degree student Edwin Estevez spent last summer working at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton, New Jersey, where he believes his work “bore witness to the importance of gathering as a community, to remind one another of who we truly are in Christ—accepted, embraced, valued, and loved. It bore witness to our healing journey and the seasons of our life, both the light and the darkness. And most of all, that in the light and in the darkness, God is there with us.”

Winner of the Graduate Study Fellowship for the Parish Pulpit Ministry, Estevez returned in the fall to his native Guatemala, where he lives with an indigenous Mayan family learning the Mayan language through tutorship, is taking a class on Mayan spirituality/anthropology at Centro Maya de Idiomas (Mayan Center for Languages), teaching English, volunteering in the community, and traveling with his class around Guatemala’s heritage sites.



Nate Dresback (M.Div., 2011)

M.Div. graduate Nate Dresback and his wife, Julie, who worked as the Seminary’s church and donor relations manager while Nate was a student, have relocated to Phoenix, Arizona, where Nate teaches English as part of the Teach for America program.





Thomas Wilson (Th.M., 2011) is from Monrovia, Liberia, and was inspired to attend Princeton Seminary by his local pastor, Samuel B. Reeves Jr. (Class of 1997), and by Cleo LaRue, the Seminary's Francis Landey Patton Professor of Homiletics, who visited Liberia with a team of Seminary students in 1999. After graduation, Wilson returned to Monrovia to minister in his local church and help equip others for ministry throughout Liberia. He is pictured here with his family, who attended his graduation.



Cynthia Lindenmeyer (D.Min., 2011)

D.Min. graduate Cynthia Lindenmeyer is an online chaplain for the American Public University and associate pastor at St. Matthews United Church of Christ in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She is also designing a program in the church that combines body, mind, and spirit by teaching fitness courses and focusing on healthier eating. The D.Min. process helped her to know how to "envision a project and present it to a congregation with both a sociological and theological lens." Lindenmeyer, a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, is pictured here with her daughter.



Amy Peeler (M.Div., 2005, Ph.D., 2011)

As a postdoctoral teaching fellow in the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana, Amy Peeler teaches Bible and theology classes to undergraduates, and is able to pursue research interests, including the publication of her dissertation, "'You Are My Son': The Family of God in the Epistle to the Hebrews."

"The Seminary has prepared me wonderfully for my position. The classes I took give me a good control over the content of my classes, and the opportunities I had to teach gave me practical experience and, therefore, give me confidence in the classroom. My doctoral work has taught me how to research and to write and instilled within me the passion to do so."



1812-2012

Celebrating Two Centuries of Service

BICENTENNIAL 2012

In 1812, James Madison was reelected president of the United States, Louisiana was admitted to the union as the eighteenth state, and the U.S. passed its first foreign aid bill (to aid Venezuelan earthquake victims). The War of 1812 began as the U.S. declared war against Britain. Napoleon invaded Russia and reached the Kremlin, only to be turned back, an event commemorated in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." The waltz was introduced into English ballrooms, Lord Byron made his maiden speech in the House of Lords, and Dr. Joseph Lister was the first to use disinfectant during surgery.

And in Philadelphia in 1812, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church established The Theological Seminary at Princeton and marked a turning point in theological education. In the interests of advancing and extending the theological curriculum and going beyond the liberal arts course in the nation's early colleges and universities, the church set up its first post-graduate professional school of theology.

The Design of the Seminary described the purpose of the institution this way: "to unite in those who sustain the ministerial office, religion, and literature; that piety of the heart, which is the fruit only of the renewing and sanctifying grace of God, with solid learning; believing that religion without learning, or learning without religion, in the ministers of the gospel, must ultimately prove injurious for the church."

Piety of the heart and solid learning. As Princeton Theological Seminary marks its Bicentennial in 2012 and begins its third century of service to the church, these are still the core of its mission. Join us for the Bicentennial events!



James
Moorhead

March 19-22, 2012: Princeton in the Church's Service: A Conference Celebrating the History and Heritage of Princeton Theological Seminary

This conference will bring together scholars of various ages and areas of expertise to look afresh at Princeton Theological Seminary's history and its heritage. Dr. James H. Moorhead, the Seminary's Mary McIntosh Bridge Professor of American Church History, and author of a forthcoming history of the Seminary, will anchor the conference.

Speakers include:

Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary, New York
John R. Fitzmier, executive director of the American Academy of Religion
Kathryn Gin, Princeton University
Paul Gutjahr, Indiana University
George Harinck, Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Darryl G. Hart, Western Seminary, California
Valerie Hotchkiss, Rare Book and Manuscript Library
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Nicole Kirk, Princeton Theological Seminary
James Moorhead, Princeton Theological Seminary
Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame
Leanne Van Dyk, Western Theological Seminary, Michigan



Robert Bohl

March 22, 2012: Opening Worship Service for the Bicentennial Celebration

Miller Chapel, 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Bohl, Chair, Princeton Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, former pastor of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, and Princeton Theological Seminary graduate, Class of 1961



Iain Torrance

March 23, 2012: Presidential Lecture on the Geneva Bible

Stuart Hall, Room 6, 9:30 a.m.

President Iain Torrance will give a special lecture on the Geneva Bible titled "The Open Book: The Persistent Vitality of the Geneva Bible (1560) even after the Publication of the King James Bible (1611)."

April 12-15, 2012: Drama Production: *The Patriots* by Sidney Kingsley *Scheide Hall, Gambrell Room*

The Patriots examines the creation of a new nation, a few years prior to the founding of the Seminary in 1812. It demonstrates what a volatile cultural landscape existed at the turn of the nineteenth century for our nation's leaders and the founders of the Seminary.

BICENTENNIAL 2012

Princeton Seminary will celebrate its Bicentennial Year with two worship services in thanksgiving to God for our two centuries of mission and ministry—one in March in Miller Chapel and one in October at Princeton University. The Seminary will host several major academic conferences—on Princeton's history and heritage, on practical theology and sacred texts, on the Book of Romans, and on Scottish philosophy and the natural law tradition in America. We will celebrate the international presence of the Seminary in a world music concert in May, and President Torrance will give a special lecture on the Geneva Bible in March. Dr. N.T. Wright, world-renowned biblical scholar, will give the keynote lecture at the Bicentennial Alumni/ae Reunion in October.

We hope you will join us in the Bicentennial Celebration, and will return thanks to God for the contributions that Princeton Theological Seminary has made to the church and the world, and for its future mission and work.



Rick Osmer

April 13–15, 2012: Biennial Conference of the Association of Practical Theology

This conference, hosted by Princeton Theological Seminary, will focus on the theme "Practical Theology and Sacred Texts," with keynote speakers Dr. Richard R. Osmer and Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa from the Princeton Seminary faculty.



Beverly Roberts Gaventa

May 2–5, 2012: Conference on Creation, Conflict, and Cosmos in Romans 5–8

A panel of international scholars gathered by Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Princeton Seminary's Helen H.P. Manson Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis. The conference will include plenary papers from:

John M.G. Barclay, Durham University, Durham
Martinus C. de Boer, Free University, Amsterdam,
the Netherlands

Susan Grove Eastman, Duke University
Divinity School

Neil Elliott, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Princeton
Theological Seminary

J. Louis Martyn, Union Theological Seminary,
New York (emeritus)

Ben Myers, Charles Sturt University School of
Theology, Sydney

Stephen Westerholm, McMaster University,
Hamilton, Ontario

Philip G. Ziegler, King's College, University
of Aberdeen



Cleo LaRue

Princeton Theological Seminary professors Cleo LaRue and Gordon Mikoski will give workshops on preaching and teaching Paul. To register visit www.ptsem.edu/Seminary_Relations/RomansConference.

May 18, 2012: World Music Concert

Miller Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

Featuring The Oïkos Ensemble, a consortium of gifted musicians from around the country built around the duo of the Reverend Clifford Aerie and Dr. Christopher Bakrigan. Learn more about The Oïkos Ensemble at www.oikos-ensemble.com.



J. Wentzel van Huyssteen

June 6, 2012: Science for Ministry Public Lecture

Erdman Center, Cooper Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Princeton Seminary professor of theology and science Dr. J. Wentzel van Huyssteen will lecture on "A Sense of Self: Theological Anthropology in Dialogue with the Sciences."



June 29–July 7, 2012: Choir Tour and PCUSA General Assembly Alumni/ae Event

Choral ensembles are part of the Seminary's history. In our 200th year, members of our choir will be present at the 220th General Assembly in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, as representatives of the first seminary founded by the General Assembly (1812). The choir will visit local churches and communities on a "whistle stop" concert tour en route to Pittsburgh. At General Assembly, the choir will sing at PTS's alumni/ae event, as well as worship with commissioners. Watch the web site for details.

July 22–27, 2012: Institute of Theology

For clergy and lay leaders, participants will reflect on the theme "The Many Faces of the Apostle Paul."

BICENTENNIAL 2012

July 22–27, 2012: The Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching

For preachers in their first two-to-eight years of ministry who wish to nurture and strengthen their preaching vocation in the company of colleagues. This year's theme will focus on the preaching and teaching of Paul. Well-known preacher and author Patrick Willson will be the pastor/preacher-in-residence.



John Bowlin

September 6–9, 2012: Conference on Scottish Philosophy and the Natural Law Tradition in America

A conference organized by the PTS Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy, to celebrate the intellectual and religious context in which PTS was founded, while simultaneously investigating challenges that face the contemporary seminary's hopes to combine critical study with spiritual formation. This conference, coordinated by Dr. Gordon Graham, the Seminary's Henry Luce III Professor of Philosophy and the Arts, is made possible by support of Theresa Khuri and the foundation that is being created, of which she will be honorary chair.

Speakers include:

Hadley Arkes, Amherst College
John Bowlin, Princeton Theological Seminary
Dawn DeVries, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Samuel Fleischacker, University of Illinois at Chicago
Stephen J. Grabill, Acton Institute
Gordon Graham, Princeton Theological Seminary
Jennifer Herdt, Yale University
Alan Keyes, former U.S. Ambassador
Esther Kroeker, University of Leuven
Keith Lehrer, University of Arizona
George H. Nash, The Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal
Daniel R. Robinson, Oxford University
Leigh Schmidt, Washington University in St. Louis
Scott Segrest, University of Alaska
Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University
Rene van Woudenberg, Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

October 11 and October 13, 2012: Conversations about the History and Heritage of the Versión Reina-Valera of the Bible and the King James Bible

Princeton Theological Seminary Campus (October 11, in English)
Evangelical Presbyterian Church El Buen Vecino, New York, New York (October 13, in Spanish)

These events offer discussion of the differences between the Versión Reina-Valera of the Bible (in Spanish) and the King James Version (in English) in the context of the 1600s and today. President Torrance and Dr. Rady Roldán-Figueroa will be the speakers.



Marilyn
McCord Adams

October 25, 2012: Closing Worship Service for the Bicentennial Celebration

Princeton University Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Professor Marilyn McCord Adams, the Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Princeton Theological Seminary alumna, Class of 1985

We gather to offer praise and gratitude to God for the teachings of those who taught, as well as the ministries of those who learned, at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Watch the Princeton Seminary web site for more Bicentennial information, including Bicentennial Moments, historic photographs and timeline, audios of historic lectures for download, and opportunities to contribute your own memories and stories. www.pstem.edu

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class NOTES

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Photographs are welcome, but upon discretion of the editors may not be used due to the quality of the photograph or space limitations. Photographs may be submitted electronically as long as they are high resolution or at least 300 dpi.

Key to Abbreviations:

Uppercase letters designate degrees earned at PTS:

M.Div.	B	M.A.T.S.	T
M.R.E.	E	D.Min.	P
M.A.	E	Th.D.	D
Th.M.	M	Ph.D.	D

Special undergraduate student U
Special graduate student G

When an alumnus/a did not receive a degree, a lowercase letter corresponding to those above designates the course of study.

1936 In October, **William T.P. Rambo (B)**, executive presbyter emeritus of Long Island Presbytery, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

1943 Donald Fletcher's (B) web site, donaldfletcher.com, is devoted to the four books he has written since his retirement. His newest publication is *The Gift—Looking to Jesus As He Was*.

1947 John H. Sinclair (B, '53M) has published his first historical novel, *The Scattering of the Heather: Stories of Sinclairs and Kin on Six Continents*. The book is the result of twenty years of research on the lives of Sinclair's Scottish ancestors, including his great, great grandmother, who happened to be a Mackay. The book is available from www.briobooks.com.

1950 Nat Roe (B, '55M) received a special recognition from the Rotary for his service in World War II and another special recognition for initiating Washington Presbytery's joint ownership in Pine Springs Camp, a camp that provides every camper with a "vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship." Roe still works in his shop and last year made 200 wooden crosses in celebration of The Church of the Covenant's (Washington, Pennsylvania) fiftieth anniversary.

1953 J. Calvin K. Jackson (B) has written *Looking Over My Shoulder: My View through a Manse Window* (CreateSpace, 2011). The book can be purchased at amazon.com.

1954 Last November, **Paul Pierson (B, '71D)** ended a sixteenth-month assignment as co-interim pastor of The First

Presbyterian Church of Hollywood in Los Angeles, California.

1956 Robert Crawford (b) has published his ninth book, *The Battle for the Soul: A Comparative Analysis in an Age of Doubt* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). The book can be ordered at www.palgrave.com.

Donald A. Crosby (B, '59M) has published *Faith and Reason: Their Roles in Religious and Secular Life* (State University of New York Press, January 2011). He is professor emeritus of philosophy at Colorado State University.

1961 Bruce W.H. Urich (B) reports that at the age of seventy-eight he is enjoying the good life in Orlando, Florida. He was asked to give the commencement address at the twenty-fifth commencement exercises of Florida Christian University in December and was awarded an honorary doctorate in Christian education. He has now been the dean of Florida Christian University and Florida Theological Seminary for fifteen years and stated supply of St. John's Presbyterian Church of Orlando for twenty-one years.

1963 John R. Powers (B) gave a keynote presentation in June at the World Conference on Disaster Management (www.wcdm.org) in Toronto, Canada, on the topic "Assessing the Risk of Nuclear Terrorism."

1965 Genevieve M. Dox (E) serves as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Antwerp in Antwerp, New York.

1966 S.T. Kimbrough Jr. (D) is a research fellow at the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition at The Divinity School at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. His recent publications include *John Wesley's First Tune Book: The Foundry Collection of 1742*, coedited with Carlton R. Young (The Charles Wesley Society, 2011), *Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley* (Wipf and Stock, 2010), and *Help Us to Help Each Other: Hymns for Life and Ministry with the Poor* by Charles Wesley, coedited with Carlton R. Young (The Charles Wesley Society, 2010). His recent CDs include *Lieder Der Jahreszeiten* (Songs of the Season), *The Sacred Songs of Johann Sebastian Bach*, and *Arabesque Recordings 2011: The Wonder of Christmas*.

1967 Norman A. Beck (D) has published *Anti-Roman Cryptograms in the New Testament: Hidden Transcripts of Hope and Liberation* (revised edition, Peter Lang, 2010); *Blessed to Be a Blessing to Each Other: Jews, Muslims, and Christians as Children of Abraham in the Middle East* (second edition, Fairway Press, 2010); and *Lectionary Scripture Notes for Series A* (CSS Publishing, 2010). Beck is the Poehlmann Professor of Theology and Classical Languages at Texas Lutheran University and the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stockdale (Denhawken), Texas.

Gordon Williams's (B) third book, *The Forgotten Key to Christian Marriage and All Marriage*, was released in 2010.

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1970 Bill van de Meene (M) is retired and living in Australia. He keeps busy with a number of activities, including a recent overseas trip with his wife, Myfanwy, to the country of his birth, Holland, as well as visits with their daughter, Allison, and her husband, Dan, north of London, and with their daughter, Susan, and her partner, Vin, in Hong Kong.

1971 In August, John C. Carr (M) returned to India for the fourth time for a three-week assignment teaching pastoral research methodology and counseling theory at the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary in Kottayam, Kerala. He then traveled to the International Congress on Pastoral Care and Counseling in Rotarua, New Zealand.

1972 Alan Blatecky (B, '73M) has been appointed head of the Office of Cyberinfrastructure for the National Science Foundation.

David M. Evans (B) serves as interim pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Marble Falls, Texas, near his home in Austin. In October he joined fifteen other clergy colleagues at Mo Rach for their thirtieth annual gathering. The group also includes **Paul Debenport ('71B)** and **Fred Lyon ('83B)**, and includes Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, and Episcopal pastors.

Joseph Pathrapankal (m) has retired from the faculty of theology in Bangalore, India, and is now the director of the Anugraha Renewal Centre

(www.anugrahaktm.org) in Kerala.

1974 In June, Richard Johnson (B) was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. He retired from the Air Force Chaplain Service in May 2008 as a colonel and immediately began doctoral studies at Ashland. His dissertation is titled "The Dynamics of Spiritual Health and Connection." Johnson serves as senior pastor of two United Methodist churches in Munfordville, Kentucky. ▽



Jack Niewold (B) has published a memoir, *Frail Web of Intention* (WinePress, 2010). Though the book covers his life to date, the description of his years at PTS is especially colorful, with memories, aided by journal entries, portraying faculty and fellow students, as well as his experiences in field work.

1977 John "Bronco" Bruington (B) sends greetings from Montana. His book, *Out Our Way: Theology Under Saddle*, is almost ready to be sent to the publisher. He writes that it is based on his weekly column featuring theological insights gained from his 16 ½-hand quarterhorse, "Doc"

Goliath, and Jack, his "Rez" dog, and says that there is "real interest in some solid theology with a good deal of horse sense. [The] problem is [that] all of my readers know or want to meet Goliath and Jack, but nobody wants to meet me!" [See essay by Bruington in this issue of *inSpire*, page 8.]

Robert Hull Jr.'s (D) book *The Story of the New Testament Text: Movers, Materials, Motives, Methods, and Models* was published by the Society of Biblical Literature in October 2010. Hull retired in May 2010 after teaching New Testament for thirty-three years at Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee.

This past summer, **Laura Loving (B)** received a Masters in Liberal Arts from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She writes that the program "encompasses the Great Book series, so while revisiting Augustine and the Bible, I immersed myself in everything from de Tocqueville to Tolstoy, Herodotus to Homer, the list goes on." Her husband, **Bill Humphreys ('77B)**, spouse of thirty years, attended her graduation along with her siblings (all veterans of seminary), a Smith College friend, and all of their kids and significant others. "Great fun in Santa Fe!" Laura teaches English part time at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin (where Bill has been a chaplain for twelve years) and is on the pastoral staff at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

1978 Hilary H. Battle (B) has retired from the Ohio Department of Mental Health as hospital chaplain (director of the Department of Religion). He is currently investing more time working with his church and is writing a second book of sermons and lectures. He writes, "I [gave] a lecture on 'Creation of Marriage,' and coined the phrase that marriage as created by God is a 'heteromonocovenant' union. Blessings to all!"

Donald Howard (B) has been elected vice president of Chautauqua County Rural Ministry in Dunkirk, New York. He has served on the board for the past two years, following years of volunteer service to the organization. Rural Ministry provides for the needs of and advocates for the homeless and poor so they may increasingly gain control of their lives. Howard also serves part time as pastor of the Fredonia (American) Baptist Church in Fredonia, New York, is on the staff of the Fredonia Central School District, and teaches a "Religions of the World" course for the University of Phoenix.

1979 Stephen Muse (B) has published a new book, *When Hearts Become Flame* (Orthodox Research Institute Press), which shares some of his journey into Eastern Orthodoxy and how this has shaped his thinking about the ministry of pastoral care and counseling. He and his wife, Claudia, have been in Columbus, Georgia, for nineteen years, where he is director of counselor training and clinical services for the Turner

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Ministry Resource Center of the Pastoral Institute, Inc. He became a grandfather three years ago. "Doxa Theo!"

1982 Michael Gorman (B, '89D) will step down as dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, at the end of the 2011–2012 academic year, and assume the newly created position of distinguished research professor of sacred scripture on July 1, 2012.

a sequel to his first novel, *James Oliver Young: Interim Pastor*. Both are available at www.amazon.com.

1984 After nineteen years, **John Groth (B, '96M)** has retired as a regional director of Delaware and New Jersey for the Priority One Foundation in order to form another men's ministry, Gallantry in Action (www.gallantryinaction.com).

Diana Hagewood Smith (B) recently entered a human

It Mean to Be Human? The haiku is printed here.
Dark skull-eyes haunt me
Did you hear the eagle strike?
Taung child so long dead?

1985 Noel Anderson (B) was called as pastor and head of staff of the First Presbyterian Church in Upland, California, last February.

After teaching New Testament for twenty-seven years at Northern Seminary, **Charles H. Cosgrove (D)** has been

D.Min. from PTS helps him lead a summer theology workshop. "Gretta and I recently celebrated fifty-four years of marriage. We continue to find challenging projects."

Karla Brown Smith's (E) poem, "Where, O God," was published online in *The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, Volume 65:2. It is reprinted below with permission from the journal. ▽

Where, O God?

Where, O God, are you leading me?
Where, O God, do I find my rest?
Where beside the still waters that run deep?
Where beside lofty mountain grandeur?

My soul seeks you in the daylight hours of a new dawn.
My soul seeks you in the business and busy-ness of a noon day
My soul seeks you in the quietness of the evening
as I lay down to rest.

Where do I see your face?
Where do I experience your grace?
Where do I feel your presence?

I come to rest in your house
I come to rest in your temple
I come to where many have come before me looking
for your face, your grace, and your presence.

Here in the quietness of this hour
I sense I am not alone
Here in the quietness you are here
You are nearer to me than life itself
You provide me with life, with breath, with joy.

I want to stay, yet I feel a pull
I want to stay and drink this all in
I want to infuse you into every cell of my being

Yet I must go
I cannot linger
Where, O God, where?
Where are you leading me?

—by Karla Brown Smith

1983 Jin Han (M, '88D) has contributed to *The Blackwell Bible Commentary on Six Minor Prophets*, writing the first part on Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah.

David C. Marx's (P) second novel, *Heather Young*, was released in February. It is

evolution-themed haiku and limerick contest sponsored by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History to celebrate the first anniversary of the Hall of Human Origins. Her haiku on the Taung Child won third prize and an author-autographed copy of the exhibition companion volume, *What Does*

appointed professor of early Christian literature at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

1986 Bruce W. Buller (P) is retired but often leads liturgy and preaches, and writes that "funeral homes say I am on speed dial." He says that his

Last February, **Marie (Sam) Trapp (e)** celebrated her two-year anniversary of being cancer-free (she was diagnosed on New Year's Eve 2008 and had surgery in February 2009). She writes, "To celebrate my new hair post-chemotherapy I am now an unabashed carrot-top!"

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Thanks be to God and my family and church for their support."

1987 Christopher Keating (B) has become a featured blog writer for the *Saint Louis Post-Dispatch's* Belief Saint Louis section. His blog appears at stltoday.com/civilreligion.

Christopher P. Momany (B) has published *Doing Good: A Grace-Filled Approach to Holiness* (Abingdon Press). The piece is intended as a primer on the Wesleyan/Holiness ethic of love. Momany is the chaplain and a part-time professor at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. ▽



1988 Robert A. Johnson Jr. (B) recently became the executive director for Friends of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, where he and his wife served as administrators and faculty members from 2005 to 2008. Along with his position in the United States, Johnson will resume his status as associate professor of religious studies at the college.

Monty Knight (P) has retired, after sixteen years, as pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Charleston, South Carolina, and has resumed his vocation of pastoral counseling in

Charleston. He blogs at www.drmontyknight.wordpress.com.

1989 Seth Sykes (M) is associate dean at Virginia Commonwealth University, overseeing the university college. His wife, **Lisa ('90B)**, is associate pastor of Welborne United Methodist Church in Richmond, and participated last year in the United Nations Environmental Program meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee 2 in Chiba, Japan, where she assisted in a process that will lead to a global legally binding treaty on mercury in 2013. She is the author of the United Methodist resolution on "Protecting Children from Mercury-containing Drugs" and the president of The Coalition for Mercury-free Drugs, a 501c3 dedicated to eliminating mercury in medicine.

1990 Alf Halvorson (B, '91M), pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Seminary's Alumni/ae Association Executive Council, received a Doctor of Ministry in mission and evangelism from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May.

Ken Kovacs (B) has published a new book, *The Relational Theology of James E. Loder*, about PTS's former professor of Christian education. It is a revised version of Kovacs's doctoral dissertation and is the second volume in the Peter Lang Practical Theology series edited by Iain Torrance, Rick Osmer, and Gordon Mikoski. It is available on www.amazon.com.

1991 Yvonne Best-Motaung (B) is living and serving in the Johannesburg area of South Africa with her husband, Zachariah Motaung. They are copastors of the Kagiso Baptist Church and celebrated their first anniversary in February 2011. She writes, "God has opened the opportunity for global mutual partnerships in ministry and missions immersions for churches in both of our countries. An exciting time of ministry for both of us."

Steve Miller (B) writes that the Miller family (Mende, Steve, Joshua, and Hannah) landed in Westlake, California, in the fall 2010, where he was installed as the new associate pastor for adult discipleship at Westminster Presbyterian Church Westlake.

1992 M. Kendall Lancaster (B) has retired from the Cleveland Clinic Hospice program and the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, a program of the Lutheran Churches in the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

1993 Judith Cooke (B) is pastor of Higganum Congregational Church in Higganum, Connecticut. Her husband, **Jay (B)**, is director of pastoral services at Hartford Hospital.

1994 Edward W. Baugh (B) is pastor of the Pequannock Reformed Church in Wayne, New Jersey.

Allan Cole Jr. (B, '01D) was installed last March as the new academic dean of Austin Presbyterian Theological

Seminary, and inaugurated as a full professor. His inaugural address was titled "A Spiritual Life."

Monica McDowell Elvig's (B) second book, *You Are Light*, a healing meditation workbook, was internationally released by O-Books (February 2011). It can be purchased at www.monica-mcdowell.com/.

Fran Grace (M, '97D) has published *Meditation in the Classroom: Contemplative Pedagogy for Religious Studies* (State University of New York Press, 2011), a book she coedited with Judith Simmer-Brown. She is professor of religious studies at the University of Redlands in California, and the author of *Carry A. Nation: Retelling the Life*.

Christine Kallil (E) has been a faculty consultant for Thomas Edison State College for the last twelve years, mentoring online courses in religion and Middle East history. She has also assessed portfolios in both fields for the last eight years.

1995 Ken Carter (P) has been appointed district superintendent of the Waynesville United Methodist Church District. He can be reached at waynesvilleds@wnccumc.org.

On June 1, 2011, **Rhonda Myers (B)** began serving as pastor of the Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan. She writes that it is "a joy to have accepted a call to serve this vital congregation, which is spiritually deep and rich in

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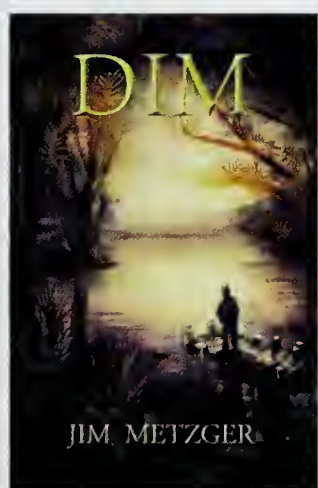
ministry, particularly in the areas of mission, service, and Christian education.”

The Somers Point Jazz Society (New Jersey) presented an evening of words and music featuring author and poet **Rina Terry (B)** in November.

1996 Phillip G. Camp (B) was promoted to associate professor in the Hazelip School of Theology at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2010.

Courtney Cromie (B, '01M) has been called as pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Jackson, New Jersey. She was installed on October 2, 2011.

James Metzger (B) has published *Dim*, a novel about a young seminary graduate (who attended Princeton!) who quickly discovers that he is a poor fit for his first United Methodist Church parish in eastern rural North Carolina. The book is available at www.barnesandnoble.com. ▽



Kristi Upson-Saia (B) has published her first book, *Early Christian Dress: Gender, Virtue, and Authority* (Routledge,

2011). Since earning her Ph.D. from Duke in 2006, she has been teaching in the Religious Studies Department at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

1997 Elizabeth (Clark) Thasiah (B) and **Victor Thasiah (B)** have relocated to Thousand Oaks, California, with their two daughters Eden (nine) and Athena (four). Elizabeth is the executive director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice in Ventura County. Victor is assistant professor of religion at California Lutheran University and a task force member of the national Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Criminal Justice Reform Task Force.

1999 Jeff Gephart (B) is the dean of students at the Bear Creek School in Redmond, Washington, and pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Seattle University.

Kenyatta Gilbert (B, '07D) has recently published *The Journey and Promise of African American Preaching* (Fortress Press, 2011). The book explores the historical development of African American preaching and proposes effective tools to keep this distinguished tradition alive. Gilbert, an ordained Baptist minister, is assistant professor of homiletics at the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington DC.

Charles "Chip" Hardwick (B, '07D) has been named director of theology, worship, and education for the PCUSA's General Assembly Mission

Council. He will "connect and engage Presbyterians in issues of theological concern to the church's life and witness, bringing PCUSA seminaries, universities, and pastor/theologians together to address the presenting issues and questions of theological importance to congregations and the denomination."

Sara M. Koenig (B, '08D) is assistant professor of biblical studies at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington. She is pictured below (middle) with fellow PTS doctoral graduates and faculty colleagues **Laura Sweat ('11D)** and **Michael Langford ('10D)** at the university's 2011 opening convocation. ▽



James A. Lee (P) has published a new book, *Running with Reckless Abandon*. It is about contemporary charismatic practice from a Reformed perspective. The book is available at www.amazon.com.

Mark. C. Lee (B) writes, "The saying, 'When it rains, it pours,' appears to be so true lately. In the midst of good news, there was not-so-good news starting last January. I finished my D.Min. with Erskine Seminary, through the Army's MEDCOM

program, at the end of January. Then my father passed away in early February. Shortly after the funeral, I deployed to Iraq for my second tour. This time, I'm with a combat stress control unit, to help soldiers deal with the stressors of life and deployment. Also, the day I arrived in Iraq, I found out I was promoted to major. A whirlwind of events, and God's grace continues to abound and carry me each day."

Tony Tian-Ren Lin (B, '00M) is assistant director of the Institute for the Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia.

Mark Pulver (B) works for Deloitte in San Francisco, California. As a senior writer and presentation skills coach, he provides communications advice and strategy for colleagues who are developing proposals to gain new business opportunities, and prepares them to deliver convincing and inspiring presentations to prospective clients.

Carolyn Schneider's (D) new book, *I Am a Christian: The Nun, the Devil, and Martin Luther*, was published in 2010 by Fortress Press. The book tells Luther's story of a woman who fought the devil well.

2000 After eight and a half years at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, **Baron Mullis (B, '10P)** began a new call last January as pastor of Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

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2001 Theresa Latini (B, '06D)

has published *The Church and the Crisis of Community: A Practical Theology of Small-Group Ministry* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2011).

2002 Rhonda Britton (B) had the privilege last October of participating in a two-week mission trip to Argentina and Bolivia with Canadian Baptist Ministries. She writes, "Seeing how God ministers to those who live in a developing nation and how they thrive with far less than most of the world was truly life-altering."

Nicholas Hatch (B) was installed as pastor of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, New Jersey, on February 27, 2011. Participating in his installation service were fellow alums (from left to right): **Elizabeth Vandegrift ('89B)**, **Hatch, Robert Carter ('02B)**, and **Mark Hanna ('02B)**. ▽



LeQuita H. Porter (B) celebrated her first year of ministry as senior pastor of the East Preston United Baptist Church of Nova Scotia, Canada, on the anniversary of her installation on October 30, 2011. **Rhonda Britton ('02B)**, pastor of Cornwallis Street Baptist Church of Halifax and former PTS classmate, preached at the morning worship service.

weddings & BIRTHS

WEDDINGS

Katherine Cooke ('05B) and William Kerr, June 18, 2011
Annie Shepard and Joshua Jon Stewart ('05B), November 27, 2010
Jamie Butcher ('09B) and Ryan Bonfiglio ('09B), October 9, 2010
Sarah Henkel ('09B) and William Summers, January 1, 2011
Louisa Watson ('09B) and William Umphres, May 29, 2010
Amy Fairbanks ('10B) and Tom Seat ('09B), July 16, 2011
Penelope Parsons ('10B) and John Hogan, August 15, 2010
Stacy Tschirhart and Ryan Reed ('10B, E), April 17, 2011

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Elizabeth Anne to Hannah and Philip B. ('00M) Wilson on June 20, 2011
Andrew Julian to Christine and Matt ('03B) Gough on October 11, 2010

2003 Jeremy Deck (B) has been appointed executive director of the Presbyterian Global Fellowship, an organization that transforms "mainline congregations into missional communities following Jesus Christ."

Matt Gough (B) was installed last January as associate pastor of youth and their families, young adults, and outreach and evangelism at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church in Silicon Valley, California. He and his wife, Christine, welcomed their second son, Andrew Julian, on October 11, 2010.

Tracy Mehr-Muska (B) was recently elected as the president of the Connecticut chapter of the Association of Professional Chaplains. She writes that she "owes so much to PTS and my amazing professors and caring staff."

Meredith L.D. Riedel (M) has joined the Wheaton College faculty as an assistant professor of history. She teaches courses in world history. ▽



2004 Wes Goldsberry (B) completed his Th.M. degree at Harvard Divinity School in May, and in July was appointed as the academic dean at The White Mountain School in Bethlehem, New Hampshire.

Toby Long (B) finished medical residency in June and was awarded the 2011 Colorado Resident of the Year by the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians. Long and his wife, Andrea, and their three

daughters, Elise, Claire, and Sylvie, are relocating to Saginaw, Michigan, where he will begin work as a National Health Service Corps Scholar on Saginaw's east side.

Loren Pankratz (B) has planted a church in Centerville, Utah. Visit the church's web site at www.thebridgeutah.org.

Former PTS trustee **Neal Presa (M)** is a candidate for moderator of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is a teaching elder/pastor of Middlesex Presbyterian Church in Middlesex, New Jersey, moderator of Elizabeth Presbytery, and chair of the General Assembly Special Committee on the Heidelberg Catechism.

2005 Jenn Graffius (B) is the director of chapel at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

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Peter E. Bauer ('78B) received the Bob and Joyce Dell Award at the United Church of Christ General Synod meeting in Tampa, Florida, in July. It is a national award presented by the Mental Illness Network of the United Church of Christ, and was in recognition for the training Bauer provided on combat trauma, spirituality, and aiding troops and families effected by the combat in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya.



Peter E. Bauer

Kevin Bowers ('01B) has been selected to participate in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, a Lilly Endowment-sponsored program at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Bowers is pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Lafayette.

Brennan Breed ('06B) has been awarded a 2011 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. The Newcombe Fellowship is the nation's largest and most prestigious award for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences addressing questions of ethical and religious values. Breed is a doctoral candidate in religion at Emory University. His dissertation, "'Engraved on a Rock Forever': Reception History and the Hebrew Bible," offers a theoretical foundation for the study of the appropriation of biblical texts by diverse communities throughout history.

Ben Daniel's ('93B) book *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration* (Westminster John Knox Press) was named 2011 Religion Book of the Year by *ForeWord Reviews*, a trade journal for small and independent publishers.

At its June 2011 commencement exercises, The Pennington School in Pennington, New Jersey, awarded history teacher **Mark DiGiacomo ('03B)** the Henry and Selma Otte Distinguished Teacher Award. He has been a member of the faculty since 2005.

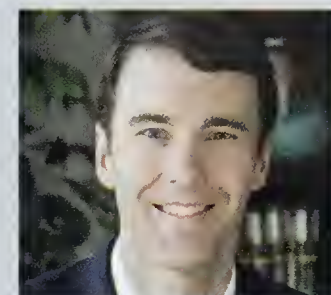
Kimberly L. Hyatt ('96B) was awarded the 2011 Women of Vision Award by Girls Inc. of Northeast Florida for arts achievement for her work as executive director of Cathedral Arts, an afterschool program serving more than 1,000 youth each week.

Tim Kennedy ('03B) has been selected as an *AbileneBiz* magazine's 20 Under 40 Award Winner for 2011. Each year the magazine honors up-and-coming business leaders, highlighting twenty local business people under the age of forty who appear to be the leaders of the future. Kennedy is university chaplain at McMurry University in Abilene.

Robert H. Linders ('70M, '77P), senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, was inducted in March into his high school Athletic Hall of Fame. Linders was the New Jersey State champion in the 800-meter run in 1960 and also

a member of the school's Championship of America Mile Relay Team that year, in what was then the third-fastest high school time in the history of the Penn Relays. Both records have been unsurpassed after fifty years at his high school, Northern Valley Regional in Demarest, New Jersey.

D. Michael Lindsay ('00B) has been named the eighth president of Gordon College in Boston, Massachusetts. He took over the helm on July 1, 2011.



D. Michael Lindsay

Gregory A. Love ('88B, '97D), associate professor of systematic theology at San Francisco Theological Seminary, has won the 2011 Angell Award of the Presbyterian Writers Guild. The award is given annually for the best first book published the previous calendar year by a Presbyterian writer. Love's book, *Love, Violence, and the Cross: How the Nonviolent God Saves Us through the Cross of Christ* (Cascade Books), was chosen from among nineteen entries published in 2010.

Carol E. Lytch ('80B) has been elected as president of Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She assumed the role as the school's eleventh president in mid-August.

Marvin A. McMickle ('83P) has been appointed the twelfth president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York. He began his full-time service on January 1, 2012.

Christopher Momany ('87B) has received the 2011 Adrian College Alumni Humanitarian Award. He is a 1984 graduate of Adrian College and has worked to help bring the college's antislavery tradition forward at a time when as many as twenty-seven million people worldwide are still held in captivity.



Marvin A. McMickle

Momany provides national and Michigan-based leadership for various efforts against human trafficking.

John P. Muilenburg ('39M), the oldest living graduate (99) of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, was honored for his many years of ministry and service with a recognition tea at Penney Memorial Church in Penney Farms, Florida, in March. Muilenburg was a missionary in China, the Philippines, and Haiti.

Norm Nelson ('67M) was presented with the 2011 Alumnus of the Year award at Westmont College's homecoming in October. He was also honored as founder of the college's "Spring Sing" on the occasion of the event's fiftieth anniversary celebration, which drew a full house of 5,000 at the Santa Barbara Bowl. Nelson is

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president and on-air host of Compassion Radio, which broadcasts 1,000 program releases daily across the United States.

Frank Yamada ('95B, '05D) was elected the tenth president of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He assumed

the presidency on July 1, 2011, and is the first Asian American to lead a Presbyterian Church (USA) seminary.



Frank Yamada

Samuel Vogel (U) was ordained on June 5, 2011, in Oulu, Finland. He is a Lutheran pastor in northern Finland and a Ph.D. candidate at the Universität Tübingen.

Joshua R. Zieffle (B, '11D) has started a new position as associate professor of youth ministries at Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington.

2006 Melissa Bean (B) works at the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, a nonprofit organization located in Mahwah, New Jersey, founded in 1920 to create, protect, and promote a network of nearly 1,800 miles of public hiking trails.

Millason Dailey (B) and her husband, **Erik ('04B)**, have relocated to the northern suburbs of Chicago. Millason serves as associate pastor for student ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, and Erik is associate pastor for youth faith formation at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

Jon Hauerwas (B) is currently working on a D.Min. at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is pastor of Saint James Presbyterian Church in

Bellingham, Washington.

Jason Ingalls (B) was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church at St. Bartholomew's Church in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 8, 2011.

Stephen McKinney-Whitaker (B) was called as copastor of United Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois. He is excited to share pastoral duties with another Princeton alum, **Randall Saxon ('73B)**. McKinney-Whitaker began his D.Min. in preaching in June through the Association of Chicago Theological Schools.

He was also the featured preacher October 2, 2011, on the nationally syndicated radio program *Day1*. His sermon, based on Philippians 3:4–14, was titled "How Do We Get to Holy?"

Amy Morgan (B) and **Amanda Adams Riley ('05B)**, along with fellow clergywomen Melissa Lynn DeRosa and Marianne J. Grano, have written *The Girlfriends' Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry* (The Alban Institute, 2011).

In August, **Eleanor Norman (B, E)** became the national conference director for the Ayaan Hirsi Ali (AHA)

Foundation. The AHA Foundation's mission is to help women in the West who are denied basic human rights in the name of militant Islam. She is also a partner with Ayaan Hirsi Ali in Ladybug LLC. Ladybug creates toys, books, and games that promote honor, respect, and manners for children. Their first products are scheduled to be released in 2013.

Matthew J. Webber (B) received his Th.M. in systematic theology from Calvin Theological Seminary in May 2011. He is the associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Holland, Michigan.

2007 Joshua Cleveland (B) is assistant director of alumni and parent relations at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

2008 Rebecca Lea Jordan Heys (B) is minister of discipleship at Calvin Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

2009 In July, Catalyst for Change Church, a multicultural church in west Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and pastored by **Keon Gerow (B)**, celebrated their move into a new building by championing the causes of the community. The church

responded to local crime and violence with a community march, cookout, and concert, planned to share the love of God and model nonviolent resolution strategies.

Louisa Watkins Umphres (B) is a first-year pastoral resident at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

2010 Adam Bowers (B) has started a social media management and consulting firm for churches and other organizations. His web site (www.adambowersmedia.com) offers a blog with free tips and insightful articles about the church and social media.

2011 Tony Jones (D) has published *The Church Is Flat: The Relational Ecclesiology of the Emerging Church Movement* (The JoPa Group, 2011). The book is available on www.amazon.com. Jones is theologian-in-residence at Solomon's Porch in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Anne West Kesner (E) is in a chaplain residency program at Norfolk Sentara Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. She and her husband live in Chesapeake, Virginia.

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The McIntire and Torrance Collections are fully processed, and searchable guides for each are available online. Processing the Mackay Collection is ongoing.

According to Clifford Anderson, curator of Special Collections, the McIntire Collection "has become among our most popular, drawing historians from around the country and the world." Scholars from the southern United States, from Singapore, and from Finland have recently come to Princeton to use the collection.

All three collections are significant in both size and importance. The McIntire Collection is the largest in the Seminary archives, totaling 650 linear feet. It and the Mackay Collection together "document two faces of American Protestantism during its heyday, and the Torrance Collection provides access to the unpublished correspondence, sermons, and manuscripts of the most significant English-speaking theologian of the second half of the twentieth century," explains Anderson.

Working on this project has uncovered complex links between the collections. In particular, the Mackay and McIntire papers document the struggle over the future of Presbyterianism at mid-century, and the combination of the two collections at one library puts each into an interpretative context that would be diminished if they were located at separate institutions.

The Mackay and Torrance Collections are complementary, explains Anderson, "not only because both collections document the influence of Karl Barth on English-speaking theology, but also because they illustrate the influence of Scottish theologians on the American theological scene." Mackay was the fourth president of Princeton Seminary, and a world church leader and ecumenist. Torrance is the father of current PTS president Iain Torrance.

Special collections like these provide original sources and therefore resources for original historical research. Church historians, historians of doctrine, and students need to work from contemporary documents, and not rely solely on published narratives.

Finding aids for the McIntire Collection are at <http://digital.library.ptsem.edu/ead/collection/222/>. Finding aids for the Torrance Collection are at <http://digital.library.ptsem.edu/ead/collection/223/>.



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Revelation 14:13

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March 16, 2011
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March 2, 2011
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Capitan, New Mexico

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April 2, 2011
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August 17, 2010
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April 21, 2011
Williamsburg, Iowa

Robert C. Strom
May 9, 2011
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Norman W. Taylor
February 1, 2011
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1958: Donald F. Groth
April 12, 2011
Mission Viejo, California

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November 8, 2010
Redlands, California

Robert F. Tebbe
February 20, 2010
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1959: Samuel R. Holder
June 16, 2010
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July 6, 2011
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1971: William L. Blye
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May 9, 2011
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December 12, 2009
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July 17, 2011
Burlington, New Jersey

Arvid H. Oleson
August 7, 2011
East Moline, Illinois

1973: Gwyned Williams
April 12, 2011
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

1975: H. Wilson Scott
February 25, 2011
Lehighon, Pennsylvania

1976: James W. Adam
October 17, 2011
Reading, Pennsylvania

1977: James W. Myles III
April 29, 2010
Wayne, Pennsylvania

David M. Thorp
January 9, 2011
Medfield, Massachusetts

1979: Dennis E. Norris
November 5, 2010
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Mary C. Ribaudo
April 14, 2005
Branchburg, New Jersey

Elaine L. Wilson
August 16, 2011
Marmora, New Jersey

1980: Mark W. Bailey
May 8, 2011
Westtown, Pennsylvania

John C. Berstecher
April 7, 2011
Bethel Township, Pennsylvania

Ronald P. Conner
January 30, 2011
Washington, District of Columbia

1982: Robert D. Curtis
November 27, 2010
Ottawa, Kansas

Frederick F. Powers Jr.
July 16, 2011
Scituate, Massachusetts

1983: Edward J. Dougherty
April 14, 2011
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

1984: John W.L. Hoad
May 27, 2011
Charleston, South Carolina

Richard I. Schachet
October 2, 2006
South Lake Tahoe, California

Samuel L. Varner
September 22, 2009
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Russell C. Wentling
July 20, 2011
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

1985: Max G. Culler
July 20, 2010
Norfolk, Virginia

1987: William H. Paul
March 5, 2011
Whiting, New Jersey

1988: Daniel R. Kincaid
November 7, 2011
Evansville, Indiana

Bettyann Mirota
October 4, 2010
Merritt Island, Florida

1990: Willie Mae Nanton
January 19, 2011
Bordentown, New Jersey

1991: John R. Bucka
November 18, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota

1993: Young-Lim Han
April 21, 2011
Seoul, Korea

1997: Laura June Nelson
October 31, 2011
Des Moines, Iowa

in MEMORIAM

Thomas W. Gillespie
1928–2011

Dr. Thomas W. Gillespie, president emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, died at Princeton Medical Center on November 5, 2011. He was 83 years old.

Gillespie was appointed as the fifth president of the Seminary, the first theological seminary established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the largest Presbyterian seminary in the country, in 1983 and served as president and professor of New Testament until his retirement in 2004.

During his presidency, Gillespie strengthened the Seminary faculty with the addition of three African American professors, eleven women professors, and the first professor of science and theology, Dr. Wentzel van Huyssteen, from South Africa. Gillespie's tenure saw the establishment of the Kyung-Chik Han Chair in Systematic Theology, held by Professor Sang Lee and the first chair at an American seminary to honor an Asian church leader.

During Gillespie's presidency, Princeton Seminary constructed several new buildings, including Luce Library, Scheide and Templeton Halls, the Witherspoon Apartments, and a new parking garage. Erdman Hall was completely redesigned and renovated as the Seminary's state-of-the-art continuing education center (now the home of the School of Christian Vocation and Mission), and Miller Chapel underwent a major restoration, including the installation of the Joe. R. Engle Organ.

Under Gillespie's leadership, the Seminary established the Institute for Youth Ministry, one of the foremost educational programs in support of the theology and practice of youth ministry in the country.

Gillespie also led in the development of a significant partnership with Pew Charitable

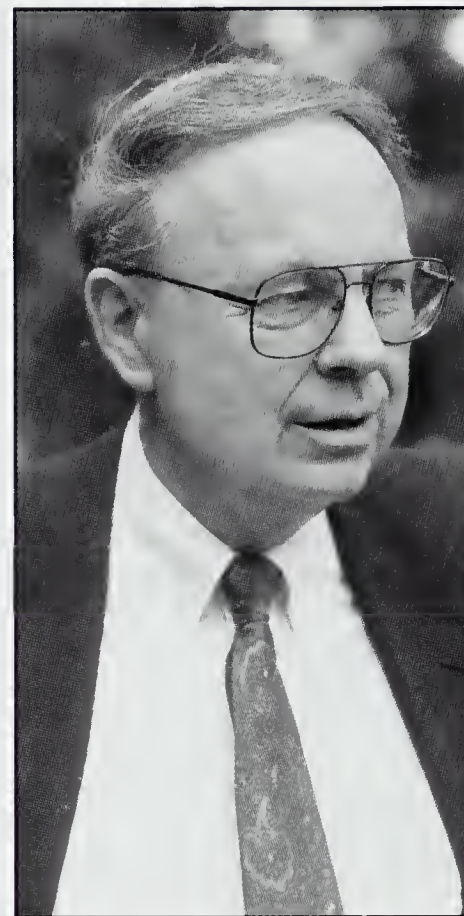
Trust and Lilly Endowment Inc. to provide an office for the Hispanic Theological Initiative, a national initiative to support and train Ph.D.-level Hispanic/Latina(o) scholars and teachers.

Gillespie was the author of *The First Theologians: A Study in Early Christian Prophecy*, published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company in 1994.

But it was as a pastor that Thomas Gillespie was most known and valued by the Seminary community and alumni/ae. He regularly preached in chapel during his presidency, and often provided pastoral care to students, faculty members, and staff. He once said that "there is no work in the world that is more interesting, more challenging, and more gratifying than the work of pastoral ministry. Among the honors that have come to me, I can think of none greater than when a member of my congregation has introduced me to a friend by saying, 'I would like you to meet my pastor.'"

Gillespie understood the Seminary as being in service to the church, and served on many denominational committees and bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and of San Francisco and New Brunswick Presbyteries. After his retirement, he served as a member of the General Assembly Council, the PCUSA's national governing council.

Gillespie graduated from Pepperdine University in 1951 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1954. Prior to assuming his position as president of Princeton Theological Seminary, he began a new church in Garden Grove, California, and served as its pastor from 1954 to 1966. In 1966 he was called to be pastor and head of staff of the First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame, California, and served there until 1983. He earned a Ph.D. from



Claremont Graduate School in 1971.

Dr. Gillespie is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; his son William Gillespie of London, England, and daughter-in-law Angela Im; his daughter Robyn Glassman of Denver, Colorado, and son-in-law Kenneth Glassman; and his daughter Dayle Gillespie Rounds of Princeton, New Jersey, and son-in-law Stephen Rounds; and his grandchildren William, Trevor, and Hilary Glassman, Isla Gillespie, and Emilia and Alexandra Rounds.

Memorial gifts in honor of President Gillespie may be made to the Thomas W. Gillespie Scholarship Endowment Fund and sent to the Office of Seminary Relations, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Online donations can be made by going to Give to PTS in the navigation bar on the home page (www.ptsem.edu), and clicking "give online" in the drop-down menu. On the donation page under the "other" category, enter "Gillespie Scholarship" and the amount of your gift.

BRIDGE TO MINISTRY

A Week of Silence and Service in the Taizé Community

BY KELLEN A. SMITH

If I were a scriptwriter, I could not have written a more meaningful close to my seminary story. My Princeton Seminary formation concluded with a weeklong travel course to the Taizé community in France. I was particularly drawn to this opportunity because of my involvement in leading services in the style of Taizé in Miller Chapel during my time at Princeton. Having first been introduced to Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in the Burgundy region of France, by a pastor in my home congregation in Delray Beach, Florida, I had awaited the chance to experience this community firsthand.

Professor Bo Karen Lee, our faculty mentor for this study trip, led our group of six seminary “pilgrims.” Preparation for the trip included spending several days with Jason Santos, a PTS doctoral candidate who wrote an excellent overview of Taizé.

Taizé has become a pilgrimage site for tens of thousands of people each year, especially young people. A Swiss pastor, Brother Roger, started the community in the 1940s and was its leader until his death in 2005. The Brothers of Taizé also venture beyond France to organize gatherings for young people around the world.

A day at Taizé is ordered by three prayer services—morning, midday and evening—in the Church of Reconciliation. During these services, pilgrims join the Brothers of Taizé in meditative singing from the Taizé prayer books. These inspired songs are what Taizé has become most beloved for around the globe.

While at Taizé, I felt called by God to choose the unique experience of spending the week in silence. This meant that I would join a small group of other pilgrims staying in the quiet and quaint village of Taizé in a house near the main grounds. The accommodations were simple and comfortable, providing a private room to be fully immersed in the gift

of silence.

Spending a week in silence may not immediately sound like the kind of experience to put at the top of your bucket list. Yet this experience was so formational, I would not hesitate to do it again. It was initially challenging to allow my mind to become quiet and my spirit to settle, but after the first few days, my rhythm became one of great joy in silence. I would spend the morning reading scripture and in the afternoon, I would take time for personal prayer, enjoy a holy nap, and walk through the beautiful French countryside. While the days themselves seemed to pass slowly, the week went by very quickly.

Besides the inspiring prayer services, a poignant part of my week was sitting at the table and sharing meals with my fellow pilgrims. We gathered for meals in a beautiful common room that overlooked the hills of Burgundy. As each meal began, the aroma of freshly peeled tangerines filled the room. The only spoken words that broke the silent fellowship were the Taizé prayers we sang before eating. Each face around the table was of a different nationality—French, German, American, and others. As we served each other in the sacred silence, the real blessing was that we spoke the common language of service to one another. In these moments at mealtime, it was as if I were joining Jesus and the disciples at the table of servanthood.

During the afternoon, I regularly took a walk to a pond beside a wooded area where pilgrims spend time in silent reflection. The sounds of a gently flowing waterfall and migrating waterfowl provided a natural soundtrack. I often walked across a bridge at the far end of the pond. I saw this bridge as a metaphor for the point in life at which I found myself. Having served in ministry before seminary, my time at Taizé helped me to reflect on both where I had been and where I was going in ordained ministry. Shortly after returning from Taizé, I began my call as associate pastor for youth, their

families, and college ministries at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in suburban Philadelphia. My bridge to ministry was built upon three years of rich theological education and the blessing of a prayerful week at Taizé.

As I have reflected on my time in silence at Taizé and my ministry with students and parents, I am reminded of the value of listening. At Taizé I deeply realized that I have as much to learn from listening as I have to share when speaking. As a pastor, I now seek to further practice a gospel of listening in my ministry. This means being in relationships with others that allow space for them to speak about what is on their hearts and minds. In that space for listening, the good news of God’s abundant love is invited and shared.

Love, devotion, and generosity ultimately made this experience possible for our PTS group. This pilgrimage to Taizé was supported by a generous grant from the FISH Foundation. We returned with full hearts and gratitude for all those in the PTS community who helped to arrange this wonderful opportunity. The journey to Taizé reveals a glimpse into the kingdom of God on earth. Taizé is truly a sacred place where the love of God is known and shared. The spirit of Brother Roger lives on, and his words echo in the Church of Reconciliation, when he wrote for all time that, “God is love, and love alone.” ▀



Kellen Smith graduated from Princeton Seminary in May 2011 and serves as associate pastor at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

CALENDAR

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture: "Martin Luther King Jr. and a New Political Economy of Justice"

Thursday, February 9

7:00 p.m., Miller Chapel

Dr. Obery Hendricks, professor of biblical interpretation, New York Theological Seminary, and PTS alumnus, Class of 1990, lecturer



The Women in Church and Ministry Lecture: "Divine Dreamers: Feminist Religious Imagination and the Shaping of the American Church"

7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23

Main Lounge, Mackay Campus Center

Dr. Beverly Ann Zink-Sawyer, Samuel W. Newell Jr. Professor of Preaching and Worship, Union Presbyterian inary, and PTS alumna, Class of 1979, lecturer



Princeton Monthly Conversation: "Women in African Christianity"

Friday, March 9

**9:00 a.m., Erdman Hall, School of Christian
Vocation and Mission**

Mercy Oduyoyo, director of the Institute of African Women in Religion and Culture, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana, speaker

Princeton in the Church's Service: A Conference for PTS's Bicentennial Celebrating the History and Heritage of Princeton Theological Seminary

**Monday, March 19 through Thursday,
March 22**

This conference will bring together scholars to look afresh at Princeton Seminary's history and its heritage.

Bicentennial Opening Worship Service: "Lest We Forget"

Thursday, March 22

**11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Miller Chapel
(identical services)**

Dr. Robert W. Bohl, chair, Princeton Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, and PTS alumnus, Class of 1961, preacher

Presidential Lecture on the Geneva Bible: "The Open Book: The Persistent Vitality of the Geneva Bible (1560) even after the Publication of the King James Bible (1611)"

Friday, March 23

9:30 a.m., Stuart Hall, Room 6

Dr. Iain R. Torrance, president and professor of patristics, Princeton Theological Seminary, lecturer

The Warfield Lectures: "Reading for Preaching: The Preacher in Conversation with Storytellers, Biographers, Poets, and Journalists"

Monday, March 26–Thursday, March 31

Dr. Cornelius "Neal" Plantinga Jr., president and Charles W. Colson Professor of Theology Emeritus, Calvin Theological Seminary, lecturer

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